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**MESSAGE FROM
THE COLONEL OF THE REGIMENT**



Major General G.G. Brown, OSJ, CD

It is a very great pleasure to have this opportunity to send my very best wishes to all members of our Regimental Family wherever they and their families are, whether they are serving in our three regular battalions or on extra regimental employment, in our fourth battalion, The Loyal Edmonton Regiment, or now retired and serving our Regiment in other capacities.

The past year has been an exciting one for all of us, not only in our training and other activities but also because of the visits of our Colonel-in-Chief, Lady Patricia, to all elements of her Regiment. These visits play such a large part in our Regimental Family ties and esprit de corps, and therefore are closely intertwined with our training and capability to defend our country. It was an added bonus to have her husband, Lord John Brabourne, accompany her, and their son, The Honourable Philip Knatchbull, to join them for the visits in Canada after completing his tour as an exchange student at Lakefield College in Ontario. It was an inspiration for all of us to be with her during her visits. They were family visits from Cyprus to Quebec and Ontario, Winnipeg, Suffield, Calgary and Southern Alberta, Banff and her official visit to her Third Battalion in Victoria. The informal nature of the visits and the happiness of being together and sharing these events as only families can, has left indelible memories for all of us.

I wish to extend my sincere congratulations to all Patricias for your incomparable efforts during this past year. The outstanding United Nations tour and impeccable performance during the visit of our Colonel-in-Chief to her First Battalion in Cyprus; the

highly successful training programme of the Second Battalion, including 'A' Company participating with the British in live firing exercises in Suffield and the inspiring performance of the Third Battalion as they exercised their Freedom of the City of Victoria on Dominion Day and their demonstration of their versatility and military skill on the Parade Square that afternoon before their Colonel-in-Chief; the great achievements of the Regimental Musketry Team at Bisley; the performance of the Patricias serving in the Airborne Regiment, and particularly the demonstrations during Lady Patricia's visit, and finally, but by no means least, the splendid but much less visible work being done by Patricias on staff, at our schools with the Militia, helping at the Commonwealth Games and those multitude of tasks which are difficult and so necessary and for which so many of our Regiment are called upon to perform.

I believe we all should recognize the unsung, strong and essential support which is given by the wives and families throughout all these endeavours, and particularly those families whose husbands and fathers have just returned from United Nations duty in Cyprus.

The past year has been an encouraging year for the Association. It is good to see the renewed vigour being expressed, by additions to membership and the encouraging ideas being forwarded to your Executive as they plot the course and direction that the Association will take in the coming years.

I look forward with great pleasure to seeing and speaking with as many as possible of you all in the coming year, but in the meantime, "have a good year".

Escape Through Russia (Circa 1918)

Pte Harry Drope joined PPCLI in the field on 6th December 1915, as a member of No. 3 University Company. He was taken prisoner at the Battle of Sanctuary Wood on 2nd June 1916 and was later awarded the Military Medal for his daring escape through Russia from a German prisoner of war camp.

Following World War I, he returned to civilian life in Regina and served as an alderman for the City of Regina 1928 - 29, and he was a member of the Public School Board from 1930 to 1934. He also served on the Advisory Board of the Salvation Army and was President of the Regina Chamber of Commerce during the 30's.

Mr. Drope was the first National Director of the Air Cadet League of Canada to come from Saskatchewan. He was made a Member of the Order of the British Empire for his work on behalf of the Air Cadet League. Mr. Drope passed away in Regina, Saskatchewan on 21st April 1978 at age 79.

Shortly before his death, Mr. Drope was requested to put pen to paper and record the experience of his escape for all Patricias to share. He did, and this is his story.

The Editor

Private H. E. Drope, MBE, MM

You have kindly requested that I write a brief account of my escape from a German prison camp in June of 1918, and of necessity, I can only give a brief outline of the episode.

I was among the P.P.C.L.I.'s captured on June 2, 1916. One of these was Private B. C. Stone of the Second Company, and he and I shared a common experience the next two years. The first two months were spent in Dulmen Lager, Westphalia, which was a large concentration camp. Stone and myself, and two chaps from the C.M.R.'s got into trouble with the guards by refusing to work, with the result that later in the day we were ordered to line up with about fifty British and French prisoners, and marched off to the station. After a two day trip by box car and passing through Berlin, we arrived at Konigsberg near the Baltic. From there we were dispatched inland. The two C.M.R. lads, Stone and myself, four British reservists, and about twenty Frenchmen were sent to a work camp at Goldap, East Prussia. We were the first British prisoners sent to East Prussia.

The barracks, surrounded by barb wire, was built in a sand pit being half underground with a sand floor and single ply rough boarding for the walls, and a slightly sloping roof. Double tiered bunks stretched from one end of the barracks to the other. We found ourselves housed with one hundred and fifty Russians with whom we were to spend the next eventual twenty-two months. The Russians, in their retreat from East Prussia in the autumn of 1914, had heavily bombed most of the towns in East Prussia, including Goldap. The Russians in our camp were organized as a pick and shovel gang demolishing what was left of the bombed buildings and carting it away in dump trucks, and we were enlisted in this work. The Russians were in a sorry state when we arrived as food was practically non-existent. Also, they were in rags as they had had no new clothing since 1914. Living conditions were to say the least, very tough. There was no heat in the building and the winters were about the same as the Ontario winter with lots of snow fall. We eight Britishers were fortunate in getting at one end of the barracks furthest from the latrine which was at the other end of the building and always in constant use. It consisted of the usual rail and six or eight pails.

In December 1916, about Christmas time, our first Red Cross parcels arrived and were a life-saver. A wonderful issue of uniforms, great coats, woollen underwear and army boots also arrived so that we were able to manage quite well. It was depressing to see the conditions of the poor Russians who, while entirely illiterate, were really very decent fellows and caused us no trouble. There were unfortunately so many of them that we were able to offer little help except to give them our soup ration.

Life went on as usual, day by day, until February 1918, I developed a sore throat and temperature. I asked to be paraded before a doctor and was taken to a German military doctor who took a look at my throat and put me in an old house that was used as a hospital for sick Russian prisoners. The chap in charge of the place was a Russian and Jewish, who had never seen an Anglo-Saxon before, but he took a keen interest in my welfare and did everything possible to make me comfortable.

After two weeks had passed lying on a bunk with several other Russians in the room, my Russian friend came in and said the doctor had instructed him to send me back to my work camp. I told him my throat was no better which he reported back to the doctor, who in turn, came to see me and took a specimen which he sent to Konigsberg for examination. In two or three days, my Russian friend again came excitedly in and said, 'You have diphtheria!' and he moved me into a little 2 x 4 room away from the Russian sick. The doctor came and gave me a shot in the hip, and that was the last I saw of him.

There, I spent another month and in the meantime, my Russian friend who spoke fluent Low German, spent much time trying to carry on a conversation, particularly about America. He had two Russian Jewish friends, also prisoners of war since 1914, one of whom was Batman for the Chief of Police of Goldap, and the other a Muscovite who worked in a sawmill which we passed daily on our way to work. These fellows were also very anxious to talk to me and would come and sit on their haunches in the evening, discussing America. I finally conveyed to them the idea that if we could arrange to escape and they could find their way to America, I would do all in my power to help them. The Russian orderly was not in favour unless we went armed.

They indicated to me when the time was right, they would pass on further plans through the Russian Interpreter in our camp who was also Jewish. As you know, these Russian Jewish fellows were much superior in intellect and initiative than the rank-and-file of Russian P.O.W.'s and therefore, had privileged jobs. They had also been prisoners since the autumn of 1914 and were considered by the Germans to be 'Safeties'.

Once I got back to our camp, I disclosed to my few comrades our plan and they thought I was crazy. I started to lay by a few non-perishables from those wonderful Red Cross parcels, waiting for the day to come. Sure enough, on June 13th, 1918, the little Russian Interpreter in our camp approached me and gave me the plan to follow. Briefly I was to quietly walk off the job before quitting time at 6:00 o'clock, as if I was looking for a place for personal relief, walk up a back lane and in the middle of the block, I would find a Russian with the door open to a baking oven. I followed this brief jaunt without incident. Sure enough, the Russian baker was there, grabbed me by the leg, and pushed me up on top of the brick oven which was still plenty hot from the day's baking. I lay there until about 11:00 p.m. when one of my two Russian pals came and got me off the hot plate and off we started in the dark. The Muscovite was waiting for us about a half mile away and from there we took off heading east.

It was a dark night that first night but we tramped across the fields making good headway until daybreak and when dawn was breaking, the only cover that seemed available was a field of rye which had grown tall enough to provide very good cover. By lying flat on the ground we edged in singly and converged near the centre, and lay down to spend the day which was to be one of several spent in a rye field. It was our first day of freedom and while we were very tense we were enjoying it, and I felt at once I had two very stalwart comrades although the ability to converse was extremely limited as they did not know a word of English and my German left very much to be desired.

We carried on for two weeks, tramping all night across the fields but trying to keep in line with the main highway leading up

through Poland, sleeping in the woods where possible or in a field of rye. At the end of two weeks we had exhausted what food we had started out with, so when nightfall would overtake us, one of my Russian friends would take turns approaching small communities along the highway in search of a piece of bread. They always seemed successful and were meticulous in dividing it equally three ways. We found that all the country we were passing through was under German marshall law and the German soldiers and guards were patrolling the whole country and instilling great fear in the poor wretched people living there. After three weeks, we found ourselves by-passing the town of Lida. It had been raining heavily all night. Our Muscovite friend was suffering from dysentery and by the time we reached the heavily treed wood the other side of Lida, we were thoroughly soaked, exhausted and shivering. The rain continued with the result that it seemed wetter under the spruce trees than in the open, so we shook ourselves to take stock of our surroundings.

Coming to the edge of the wood we found two abandoned airplane sheds that had been used by the Russians or the Germans. We found a small door at the end of the building, went in, took off our boots and stretched out to spend the day to rest. In the early afternoon the sun broke through and suddenly we heard a German voice from the side of the building. There through a large knothole was the red dot of a German soldier's cap. He started shooting questions as to who we were and where we were going. One of the Russians answered that we were Russian prisoners, the war was over and we were trying to get home. With that he began to shout and swear as a German can do, ordering us out of the shed and we would finish our sleep in "straff haus". There was no time for discussion on our part but the Muscovite chap reached the door first and the German soldier immediately raised his hand with a hammer in it and shouted if he moved a step he would slug him dead. The big Russian was next and he apparently immediately saw the German had no weapon but the hammer so he made a mad dash around the end of the building and into the wood. As I saw him I came out of the door on a dead run and ran the long end of the shed to see my Russian friend plowing through the wet spruce trees like a big Russian bear. I gave him a shout and together we continued through the wood which was quite extensive. It was the last we saw of our poor Muscovite comrade.

Now there were two of us left and at this point I would like to describe my Russian friend very briefly. His name was Uden Darkovnekof, about six foot three and in his early thirties. He was a fine looking specimen of humanity and had a heart of gold which I was to discover as the days went by.

That night we were so exhausted that on seeing a light burning in a peasant home we went and knocked on their door. Being Russian prisoners, of course, they were afraid to let us in, however, did so, knowing full well the risk they were taking with the German police. We were at a very low ebb. They gave us a warm bowl of nourishing soup and invited us to lie on a big flat oven where we spent the night. The small barn and the hay mow were all attached to the little house and this Polish peasant showed us the way up the hayloft of new mown hay to spend the day. Again we were sleeping soundly when, in mid afternoon, we heard voices in the barn below, two German soldiers questioning our protector. Fortunately he was able to convince them that he had seen no Russian prisoners and if he had, would have nothing to do with them. The Germans left. I mention these two experiences in some detail as it was the only time we sought shelter except in a wood or in a field of rye.

During the next night we passed through the old Russian front line which they had abandoned in 1917, after signing an armistice with Germany. The Russians apparently retreated in haste and the German armies simply followed through to the River Dneiper.

Up to this time we have been wearing our prison pants with the tell tale stripe on the outside of either leg, so that if seen we would be readily recognized as Prisoners of War. While spending another day in the wood, Darkovnekof explained to me that he was going to reconnoitre the nearby area for the purpose of

trying to obtain two pairs of ordinary pants and to my astonishment he returned in due course with two pairs of khaki-colored cotton work pants which were well worn and faded.

We carried on from here for another twelve days and on the night of the 17th of July, by-passed the city of Minsk and by day-break found ourselves within close range of the river Dneiper—our last obstacle to deal with. Shortly after daybreak, we saw two peasant women with long skirts to their heels and the familiar shawl on their heads, walking toward the river. Darkovnekof accosted them and asked how we might get across the river. They said they were on the way to the ferry which would be leaving in a few minutes so we thought it wise to fall in behind them. As we were walking down the river embankment the ferryman was approaching our shoreline, but to our horror and amazement, we saw also approaching the landing station a German corporal and four German soldiers with rifles and bayonets over their shoulder marching to the same point. It was too late to turn back and we had the horrible feeling that our thirty-five days and nights of freedom had suddenly come to an end. We continued to approach the ferry and to our utter amazement which we tried to conceal, the two women stepped into the rowboat, sat down and we immediately followed without a word being said although the Germans were looking us over with great interest.

The boatman got underway and without incident we reached the other side. At last we were free from the fear of the Germans but did not know what reception to expect from the Bolsheviks. We had reached a little village about twenty miles south of Orsha, so we tramped the highway for the first time to Orsha, arriving about dusk. We went to the station and Darkovnekof identified us as Russian prisoners and asked if they would furnish passes for the rail trip to Moscow the following morning. This was done and we lay down on the floor of the station and had a sound sleep.

The train trip was uneventful and we finally reached the city of Moscow. I suggested to Darkovnekof that he enquire about the location of the American Consul office, and after several minutes walk, we were ringing their front door bell. It was past five o'clock and the office was closed, however a member of the staff came to the door and enquired of our business. For the first time I was able to say we wished to see the American Consul, who approached us. Following a brief introduction, he said 'You want the British Consul and they are located in the Hotel Metropole. I will be pleased to drive you there in my car. He acted at once and we found ourselves sitting in the back seat of a very fine convertible sedan with Captain Eugene Prince, the American Consul, as our chauffeur.

On arrival at the Hotel and the floor on which the British Consulate was living, we were introduced to Mr. Bruce Lockhart, the British Consular agent, and Captain Hill and three or four other staff members. It was true to say that they greeted us like long lost brothers and started plying us with questions. When I told Captain Hill that I was a member of the P.P.C.L.I., to my amazement he stated that he had been an original member of the P.P.C.L.I., but now was in charge of espionage for the British government. Tea and biscuits were served at once. They explained that while they were glad to see us, we were out of the frying pan into the fire, as the revolution was at a very critical stage and they realized they might have to escape to save their own lives any day.

They had no room for us in the hotel but got in touch with the American Y.M.C.A. that was still staffed by two Americans. They said they would gladly put us up for a few days. Captain Hill was very concerned as to how I might get out of the country, so in the next two or three days he visited four or five of the Bolshevik Cabinet Ministers and with myself in tow explained my predicament and requested a passport in each instance. The Minister questioned simply stated that there were no open ports out of Russia, 'so why a passport?'

About 5:00 p.m. on the seventh day in Moscow, he looked me up at the Y.M.C.A. with his car and said 'grab your cap and come with me to the Consulate Office. On the way over he informed me

that an important mission of five Britishers, headed by Sir William Clark of the Foreign Office, had arrived in the city that morning by train. They had come down by train from Archangel and when discovering the state of affairs in Petrograd and Moscow and on the urgent advice of Mr. Lockhart, they decided to return to Archangel on the evening train leaving Moscow. On being informed that I was in Moscow and that a passport had not been available, Sir William said immediately he and his party would take the gamble and attach me to their group.

They were standing outside the Consular Office with their briefcases when Captain Hill and I arrived. I was simply introduced as Canada and we headed for the railway station and got aboard the car without being questioned by the guards. I do not recall at this time how long it took to reach Archangel, but reach it we did, disembarked from the car and walked a short distance to the dock and boarded a Russian ship which apparently was waiting for the Clark party's arrival. On board were all the Allied Embassy leaving Russia for the last time.

After a two day journey by ship and box car, we reached Murmansk on the Arctic coast. There were British and American troops stationed there and our party was issued army rations from the British stores. The Clark party lived in the box car for eight days and I had been impressed as cook, and fared extremely well. After eight days, we boarded a British ship and following a five day sea voyage, docked at Newcastle-on-Tyne on the thirteenth of August. It was a short rail journey to London which we reached toward evening. After two years and two months, I found myself among real friends.

I cannot attempt to recite the wonderful experiences I had in England and on my return to our beloved Canada. If this story has any reader interest, it is chiefly because I was informed by the War Office in London that an Australian and myself had been the only British prisoners to have escaped through Russia, at least up to mid August 1918."

Notes:

- (1) Pte H. E. Drope, OBE, MM—PPCLI
 - TOS 6 Dec. 15 from 3rd University Company
 - POW 2 June 16 at Sanctuary Wood
 - Probably with Number 1 Company which was overrun on 2 June 16
- (2) Capt S. H. Hill—PPCLI
 - TOS Mar. 15 from PPCLI reinforcements
 - Wounded 7 May 15 at Frezenberg
 - SOS 14 May 15
- (3) Pte B. C. Stone—PPCLI
 - TOS 1 Sept. 15 from 2nd University Company
 - POW 2 June 16 at Sanctuary Wood
 - With Number 2 Company on 2 June 16

(Thanks are extended to Mr. Thomas Drope, son of Mr. Harry Drope and to Lieutenant-Colonel A.J.R.H. Neadow, CD, for having worked so long and hard in obtaining this exceptional story for The Patrician.)

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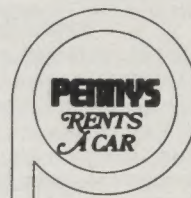
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THE FIRST BATTALION

Captain R. Romses

The period from September 1977 to September 1978 has been reverently etched into First Battalion's history with an awe inspiring number of events. This was a year which saw the Battalion once again serving at home and abroad. Members of the First proudly displayed their best on many occasions.

In September 1977, the Battalion leaped in a Fall session of unit run courses which ran until mid-December. The courses ran

concurrently with activities such as Exercise Medicine Man V, a Sports Tabloid, Exercise Holly V, The French Grey Cup and Exercise Northern Passage. 1977 ended with a change of Regimental Sergeants Major. CWO A. McMillan, MMM, CD, was posted to the Special Service Force and was replaced by CWO W. A. Colbourne, CD, promoted from the Third Battalion.



Candidates of the Machine Gun course are seen with their GPMG. From Left to Right in the front row: Pte Kelly, Pte MacDonald, MCpl Knowles, Cpl Bercier, Pte Davidson, Pte Haddock, and MCpl Bishop. Standing, Left to Right: Pte Beauchamp, Pte Bunzenmeyer, Pte Goodwin, Pte Popp and Pte Thiverge.

January 1978 brought our activities and training to a frenzied pace, starting with a Combat Leaders Course and sending the rifle companies out to train in the Canadian Wilderness. Not forgetting the Assault Pioneer Platoon; we sent them "way up North" to participate in Operation Morning Light. Throughout this time, we also managed to host an exchange with some fine California friends so that they experience, first hand, the dreaded yellow snow phenomenon. Simultaneously, a platoon from the First ate up the California sunshine.



10 Nov 77 saw the 29th running of the Annual French Grey Cup played this year at McMahon Stadium with Combat Support Company losing to C Company.

Suddenly in February, before the snowdrifts could melt, we were preparing for Cyprus with Exercise Green Line and a Battalion reorganization. It seemed that even before the exercise was over, we were settled into a daily Cypriot routine under the blazing Mediterranean sun, which shone well into September 1978.

Exercise Medicine Man V

For the second consecutive year, the battalion was involved in the live fire Battle Group exercises held at CFB Suffield under the auspices of the British Army Training Unit Suffield (BATUS). A composite mechanized company under the command of Major Crabbe joined with a company of Scots Guards, A Squadron 5 Inniskilling Dragoon Guards, B Squadron 4 Royal Tank Regiment and a battery of 105 MM Abbots from the Royal Artillery, to form the Battle Group.

The exercise was preceded by two weeks of basic mechanized training and live firing in the back woods of Wainwright. By the 14th of August, the company was well into the training in Suffield, with a few days to shake out and to get accustomed to the vivid realism of the 360° templates. After each platoon had a chance to get lost at least once, the company joined the Scots Guards and proceeded to combat the stubborn Fantasian enemy.

Following several days of advancing and skirmishing, the soldiers began the first of several opportunities to "dig-in". Many sighs of relief were breathed when Cpl Turner appeared with his dozer to give the soldiers a hand with the "excavation" into the Suffield sands. After a hard week of being hounded, the Fantasians launched a spirited counter attack which was thwarted by the Patricias holding the key position in the line. A mopping up exercise completed the training, and the Fantasians were driven from Blue Pond once again.

In addition to the hard work and long hours, the soldiers had ample opportunity to meet their counterparts and exchange war stories and military kit. The training was an extremely realistic and valuable experience. The Scots went home very impressed with the high degree of professionalism displayed by our soldiers, and, with the exception of the tankers becoming a nervous lot—worrying about being shot from behind—the training experienced and friendships established will not soon be forgotten.

Military Tabloid Sports Day

On 23rd September 1977, companies marched briskly onto Rifles Field to form a hollow square. Upon his arrival, the CO, LCol MacKenzie, told us to get at it and enjoy ourselves.

It was a fun-orientated day involving sports events with military application. These included pushball, trailer races, tug-of-war, grenade throwing, stretcher relay, jerry-can races and a cross-country race.

Pushball was one of the more popular and certainly more humorous events, as bodies could be seen on the ball and field alike. At times, during the trailer race event, it was felt that if "C" Company kept up the fast pace, they would permanently find themselves at work within "Adm" Company doing trailer loading work. To top all events, we held a command relay race. If you had seen it, you would have said "Command", "What Command!"—"What race!?"

All in all, once the sun had set and Rifles Field had been deserted, everyone had to admit that it was a sports day worth remembering; particularly for Combat Support Company, as they had won the competition.



Friday the 23rd Sept 77 found B and C Company Teams deciding which way to move the 6 ft diameter "Push Ball" during one of the Military Tabloid Sports events.

Ski School

One of the most successful Ski Schools ever organized by 1 PPCLI was conducted throughout the month of January 1978. An "elite" organization headed by Capt Penman, and support staff headed by WO MacLellan, established and ran the Battalion Ski School at the Rafter 6 Ranch in the Kananaskis Valley, West of Calgary.

Oden smiled throughout the whole month of January and gave us snow, snow, snow. Lots of sun and good skiing, combined with superb accommodation and cooking, made for an outstanding Ski School.

California Exchange

In February 1978 we participated in an exchange of troops which saw a platoon of ours go to Fort Ord, California, while a platoon from the 3rd Battalion 17th Infantry, 7th US Infantry Division came to Calgary.

The US Platoon was greeted upon arrival by nippy—30° C weather. Their training in Calgary and Wainwright consisted of weapons familiarization, general briefings, including some topics on Cyprus, a winter warfare indoctrination, and a familiarization of Canadian winter sports. We think they enjoyed themselves—at least that's what their Platoon Commander, 2 Lt Bob Ferrard, said between shivers and shudders... RANGER!!

Meanwhile, our platoon revelled in the "warm California sun" under the command of Capt Calvin and WO Spitzun. Their comments on return were of some "good training" and "good tours".



MCpl Whitaker instructs a member of the 3rd Bn 17th Inf 7 (US) Inf Div of Fort Ord California on the finer points of SMG marksmanship.

Operation Morning Light

1 PPCLI's contribution to the joint operation between Canada and the United States in search of the downed Soviet Cosmos 954 Satellite in the Canadian Arctic was our pioneer platoon. Under the command of Lt Ted Bain, their task throughout most of January 1978 was to assist in the construction of a base camp and 5000 foot airstrip in the Warden's Grove area of the Northwest Territories. This site, which was for use by the operations staff, assisted in the overall search effort to locate particles from the satellite. A job well done Pioneer Platoon!



Selected members from our Pioneer Platoon pause for a photo with the CO, OC Cbt Sp Coy, and CSM Cbt Sp Coy, prior to their departure for participation in OP Morning Light. Standing Left to Right are CSM Cbt Sp MWO McDow, MCpl Lewis, Pte Williams, Pte Leonard, Pnr Pl Comd Lt Bain, Co LCol MacKenzie, Cpl Polson, OC Cbt Sp Capt Dillon, and Sgt Carrier. Kneeling from Left to Right are MCpl Pollach, MCpl Peterson, Cpl MacKinnon, Cpl Saunderson, and Cpl Grisak.

Cyprus Apr -Oct 78



The build-up and preparation for our operational tour in Cyprus was an ongoing activity which administratively began as early as September 1977. It was not however, until January 1978 when the pace of preparation quickened, for at that time our "Recce" party went to Cyprus. Detailed training at the individual level started once the Battalion reorganization had taken place on 3rd March 78. The Cyprus configuration saw A Company commanded by Major Jurek, B Company commanded by Major Grimshaw, Headquarters Company commanded by Captain Newman, Logistics Company commanded by Major Dehnke and Rear Party commanded by Major Crabbe. A and B Companies were to be responsible for manning the "Line".

Shortly after reorganizing, we launched into Exercise Green Line which closely simulated our peacekeeping job in Cyprus. It proved to be an excellent exercise which gave our soldiers a great deal of insight into the nature of their jobs. After what seemed an all too short leave, the advance party departed Calgary on 22 March 1978 and was followed up during the first week of April by the main body. 1 PPCLI had now begun its United Nations tour of duty and had taken over operational control of Sector Four from 2 RCR. It should be noted that this was First Battalion's third Cyprus tour. Previous tours were in 1968 and 1971.



UNFICYP Chief of Staff Col Carlson signs the Change of Command Certificate from LCol R MacPhearson CO 2 RCR, to LCol L MacKenzie CO 1 PPCLI on 04 Apr 78.

Our time on this Mediterranean Island passed very quickly even though Cyprus was relatively quiet. If not on the line, time was occupied improving working areas and bunker systems, updating orders and instructions and carrying out general military training. Our sports program was most active and gained a tremendous amount of interest and participation from all ranks.



OC B Coy Maj Grimshaw briefs Mr. Galindo Pohl, Special representative of the Secretary General of the United Nations, on aspects of B Coy's area of the UNBZ.



UNFICYP Force Commander, Major General J.J. Quinn, inspects a Quarter Guard during his visit to CANCON.



US Ambassador to Cyprus, Mr. C. Stone, reviews a Quarter Guard at OP Omorphita. From Left to Right Mr. Stone, Pte Freistater, Pte Haines, and Pte Leger.



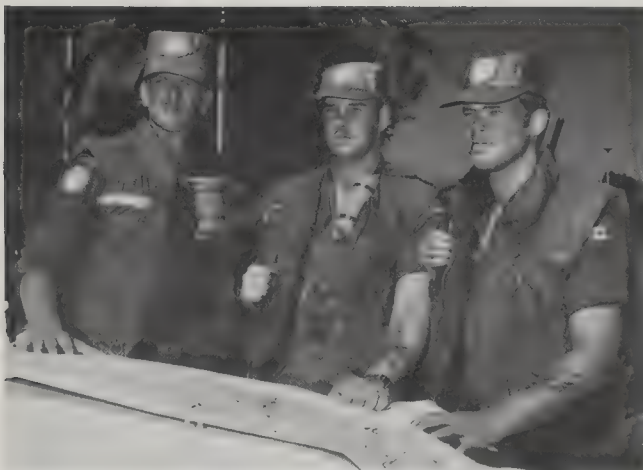
Capt Newman OC HQ Coy expounds upon points made by Pte Monette during his OP Briefing to Mr. C.C. Timbrell, Assistant Secretary-General, Office of General Services, United Nations.



Pte Gaston's keen vigilance on OP duty is characteristic of the First's way of approaching duty.



Operations Officers from all UNFICYP Sectors are seen with CAPT Newman, OC HQ Coy (Ops O), Lt Vaillancourt, Lt Harrison and Capt Tymchuk.



Pte MacDougall, Pte Coles, and Pte Best of A Coy prepare to head out for OP duty.



A "Junta" of Sector Commanders formed and this is one of their higher level discussions.

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VISITORS

The Battalion, while in Cyprus, received numerous visitors. Some of these included our Colonel-In-Chief, Lady Patricia Brabourne, and the Colonel of the Regiment, MGen. G. G. Brown; the Canadian Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, The Honourable Don Jamieson; the United Nations Secretary General, Mr. Kurt Waldheim; the US Ambassador to Cyprus, Mr. Galen Stone; the High Commissioner for Canada to Cyprus, Mr. E. G. Lee; the Chief of Defence Staff, Admiral R. H. Falls; and the Commander 1 Canadian Brigade Group, BGen P. J. Mitchell.



BGen P.J. Mitchell Commander 1 CBG CFB Calgary receives his BOR-R-RING and Snowball No. "T-Shirt" during a Mess Dinner in his honour sponsored by the new MCpls Lounge. From Left to Right MCpl Vanderberg, MCpl Pirie, BGen Mitchell, and MCpl Conniff.



Pte Kirby is inspected by The Colonel of The Regiment, Major General G.G. Brown.



Members of the Calgary and Canadian Force news media visit to obtain a first hand view of a soldiers life in Cyprus. Left to Right: front row Capt Romses, The Calgary Herald Ms Kathy Warden, and It Vaillancourt. Second row CFAC-TV Gary Frang, CFAC-TV Mr. John Mitchell, and The Albertan Mr. Bob Bergen, Third row CF Press MCpl Rogers and Maj Whitehead (CFPR).



Cpl Buchanan explains his duties to our CDS, Admiral Falls, with LCol MacKenzie looking on in approval.

Visit of the Colonel-In-Chief



Lady Patricia chats with men of HQ and A Coy. Seen with Lady Patricia from Left to Right are Pte Mape, Pte Howard and Cpl Hunter.



Pte Roberts, atop OP C-45 (Omorphita) briefs Lady Patricia and Lord Brabourne.



Lady Patricia accepts a memento from The First Battalion in remembrance of her visit to Cyprus.



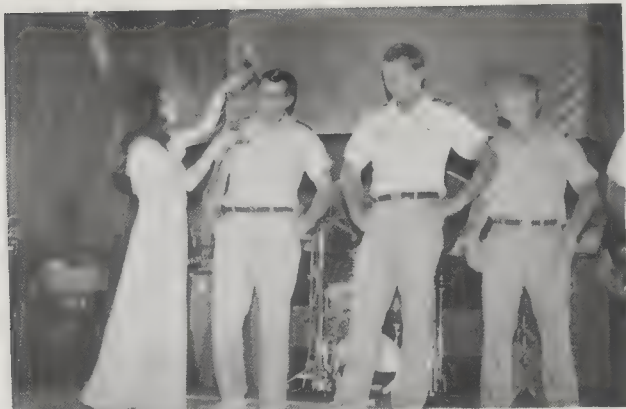
Pte Ferris gives a operational briefing to our Colonel-In-Chief.



Members of a routine foot patrol on the Green Line through Nicosia's Old City meet Lady Patricia. From Left to Right: with Lady Patricia are Ptes Goodwin, Munro, Brinklow, Atkinson and Malone.



RSM Colbourne, MGen Brown, LCol MacKenzie and MWO Kohl look on as Lady Patricia cuts a specially prepared "Colours" Cake.



Enjoying the CF review on stage are MWO Baumgarten, LCol MacKenzie and Pte Hotchkiss.

One visit which was certainly appreciated by all ranks was that of The Canadian Forces Review. They provided three excellent performances during the July 1st weekend, adding tremendously to our celebration of Canada Day.



A Showgirl from the CF Review Show provides a welcome sight.

The Cyprus tour was a good one. With the passing of time it saw, not only young soldiers maturing, but the spirit and camaraderie of all ranks develop to a level seldom achieved in garrison. We worked hard, played hard, and in general, had an experience we won't soon forget.

Rear Party

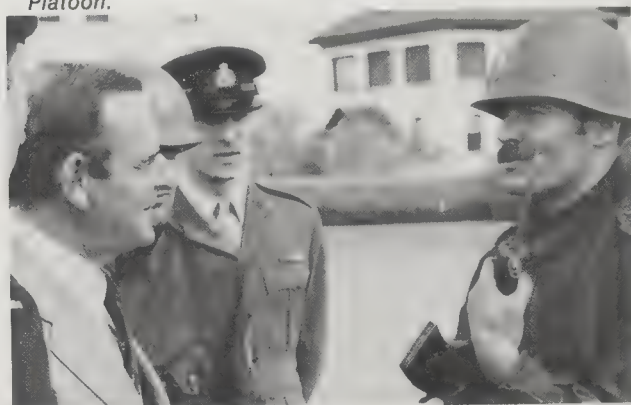
Rear Party was organized in late February and given the primary role of supporting the unit in Cyprus and the dependents of soldiers serving there. In addition, a number of operational taskings were assigned. Rear Party was commanded by Major Crabbe, with Lt Ascah as the Adjutant and MWO McDow as the Rear Party CSM. Besides the Headquarters, a Training Company and an Administration Company were formed. Training Company, commanded by Capt Neill Warry, RGJ, and CSM Bowes, was responsible for taskings and the training of the Rear Party. Administrative Company, initially commanded by Lt Lockyer and then WO Butt, was responsible for the Administrative support of the Rear Party and the Battalion in Cyprus.

Following Exercise GREEN LINE, Rear Party prepared for and moved the Battalion to Cyprus. The Minister of National Defence, Mr. B. J. Danson, inspected Main One flight at the airport prior to its departure. The day previous, he had inspected and addressed the Fantasian Platoon. Mr. Danson appeared to be captivated by their hard work and diligent efforts.

The Fantasian Platoon, Commanded by Sgt Davis, was organized in mid-March with the primary role of adding realism to the annual WAINCON, while employed as the enemy force against 1 CBG units. Prior to WAINCON, the platoon participated on EX PRAIRIE HARVEST and put on a demonstration for MGen Neatby, Deputy Commander of Mobile Command. While in Wainwright, the platoon was looked after by the 3rd Battalion, and, with the exception of a shortage of peanut butter, was treated very well indeed. Many thanks to the Third and especially to A Coy, for their excellent hospitality. The Fantasian Platoon was joined in Wainwright by a TOW section commanded by MCpl Sarahs. Unfortunately, "ol' weak eyes" met with disaster and had to be replaced by Cpl Blackmore. All in all, it was an excellent concentration for the platoon and for the TOW section.



Minister of National Defense, Mr. Barney Danson, talking to Pte Hicks, a member of the Rear Party Fantasian Platoon.



MND and Sgt Davis and Capt Warry look on.

The Rear Party also managed to complete all their battle physical efficiency tests and annual weapons classifications in late April.



Sgt Davis (extreme right) leads members of Rear Party on the annual two X 10 mile march.



Checking the feet. Ptes Wright and Ganley.

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The Mary Otter Team, under the capable leadership of Cpl Brewster, won the Provincial and Regional First Aid Competition. In late May, they performed remarkably well as they were tested at the National level. The team placed a very close second in the competition. To all team members, congratulations on a job well done.

In early May, WO Scott and his band of men proceeded to CFS Beaverlodge to represent the Army at the local Armed Forces

Day. Despite terrible weather, the display of small arms, vehicles and equipment proved to be very popular with the civilians and airmen.

The month of June saw a small group of soldiers under MCpl Judge go to Germany on an exchange with the 112 Jaeger Battalion at Regen. This training proved to be extremely worthwhile and interesting.



In June, 1PPCLI Rear Party sent as rifle section to Regen, Germany on an exchange visit with 112 Jaeger Battalion. Left to Right: MCpl Judge, Pte Sim, Pte Braaten, Pte Farquharson, Pte Piel, Pte Labonte, Pte Scully and MCpl McRae.

Without doubt, the highlight of Rear Party life was the visit to Calgary of our Colonel-in-Chief, and her husband, the Lord Brabourne. They were accompanied by MGen and Mrs. Brown and their son, Steven. The Honourable Philip Knatchbull, Lord and Lady Brabourne's son, also accompanied the Colonel-in-Chief. The visit included an informal tea and dinner at the Officers' Mess. The following day, a helicopter tour of the Drumheller badlands and adjacent areas was conducted. In the afternoon, she attended a very successful family day at Rifles Field. The families of the battalion gathered and after hot dogs and hamburgers "a la Stobie", the children participated in some unique and interesting races and games. Lady Patricia spoke to a number of dependents and addressed them all at the conclusion. That evening, she attended an informal dinner at the WOs' and Sgts' Mess. A helicopter tour to the Cross Ranch and then Kananaskis Valley proved to be a highlight for the Colonel-in-Chief.

Following a picnic lunch at the BNACC, a trip to the Bow Glacier was made followed by dinner at the Chateau Lake Louise. On the 6th, she flew to Suffield to visit A Coy of the Second Battalion. Following a farewell tea in the Officers' Mess, she departed for home. Her visit proved to be a very happy and unique experience for us as she had just visited the soldiers in Cyprus a few months prior to her Rear Party visit.

Following the Colonel-in-Chief's visit, the soldiers proceeded on some well deserved leave. Others were employed as part of CFB Calgary's support to the Calgary Stampede.

Rear Party was very busy with the battalion away. The men worked hard and can be very proud of their accomplishments.

EVENTS TO BE REMEMBERED



At left Lt "Chrome Dome" Gallant looks on at one of the few contestants to last 8 seconds on the Bronc during the "Bronc Busting" at the Mini Stampede.



Our own Mini Corral complete with Sheriff's Office and Jail, telegraph office and Mayor's office.



Ahh! The Mini-Stampeded Breakfast is served up to MCpl Burke by Pte Bergeron, MCpl Bouffard, and Pte Duchesne.



CSM Reid marches on the 100 man Guard of Honour for a Feu-de-Joie at Ledra Palace Nicosia.



During the Medals Parade, the Guard awaits the arrival of the Force Commander MGen J.J. Quinn. The Guard Commander was Maj L.E. Grimshaw; Colour Party included Lt (Ted) Bain (Queen's Colour), WO Stott P. (Escort Commander), Lt Glenn Nordick (Regimental Colour), Sgt George G. and Sgt Vardy L.D. (Escorts to the Colours).



UNFICYP Volleyball Champions with their Gold Medals from Left to Right: Back row; Capt R. Primorac, LCol L. MacKenzie, Capt L. Hackel, Pte Gosselin J., Capt R.R. Romses, Sgt McLean R., Front Row; Cpl Polupski K., Pte Mape O., Cpl Bergeron L., Pte Wetherby N., Pte Bouffard N., and Team Coach Lt S. "Wonder" Baker.

EVENTS TO BE REMEMBERED



UNFICYP Military Skills Competition winners display their trophies. From left to right: Capt "James" Penman, Pte G. "Koho" Kohinski, Sgt L. "Newf" Vardy and Pte P. "Mac" MacIntyre.



MCpl William Donovan, one of 29 1 PPCLI recipients, is awarded the Queen's Jubilee Medal by Lady Patricia.



MGen J.J. Quinn presents the UN Cyprus Medal to MWO Reid and MCpl Holst.



We even had time to make a new OP(C-65).



The Secretary of State for External Affairs of Canada the Honourable Donald Jamieson presents The Star of Courage (Posthumously) to widowed Mrs. Tassoula Kariolou for Mr. Andreas Kariolou giving his life in an attempt to save a Canadian Soldier, Sgt Andre Dupont while on a 120 ft. dive at Dhekelia on 24 Apr 77.



"DCO's . . . Change round!" Out going DCO LCol Minnis greets incoming DCO Major Ashton.

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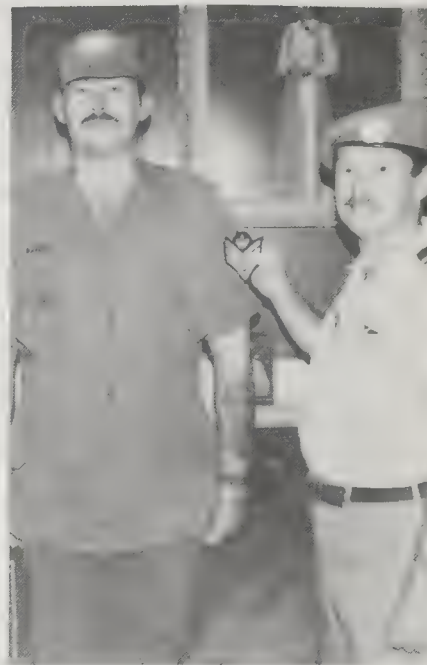
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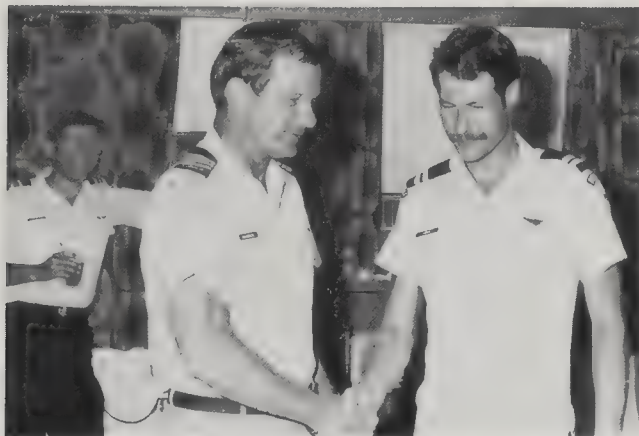
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THE SECOND BATTALION

Lieutenant B. N. Hall

This past year has been a busy one indeed for Second Battalion. We kicked the year off in September of 77 with a major reshuffle of personnel within the battalion. It took everyone about a week to sort themselves out, but once done, we started to prepare for our first major defensive exercise; RAMPANT CHARGER.

As with the rest of the brigade, all our training was geared towards the defensive phase of war. Not only did we stress section, platoon, company and battalion drills, but personal defensive 'Standard Operating Procedures' were efficiently developed; for example, many junior officers developed shaft evading techniques as their personal defensive SOP for garrison work. This was extremely useful as field officers are known for their efficiency in hunting down the unwary.

Having learnt many useful drills, and renewed old skills during RAMPANT CHARGER, the battalion started to prepare for two winter exercises in CFB Shilo, EXERCISES POLAR AND SILVER FOX. For a while we were worried (???) that we might have to simulate snow, but true to form, it started snowing when we arrived. It was a good exercise, with a lot of people enjoying their first winter swan.

Our only major incident was the fire in the Battalion Safety NCO's tent, but since he was out making sure everyone was observing fire orders, no one was hurt.

Christmas was a welcome break, but we jumped back into the routine with both feet to prepare for our winter test exercise; RAPIER THRUST. Once again the Fantasian hordes were vanquished by the battalion with the help of sound tactical principles, leadership and a secret weapon (Anyone interested in the secret weapon can send 25 cents and one cover from CFP 309(3).)

The February-March period was spent on Primary Combat Function (PCF) course training. The usual courses were run but with the addition of a basic sniper course. The sports program also continued at a hectic pace. Hockey and volleyball in particular were of a very high calibre; A Company winning hockey and B Company winning volleyball. March 17th was celebrated in both the traditional and unusual way. The officers allowed the Sr NCO's to win again this year at Broom-i-Loo, thus assuring their

continued support for another year. As well, somewhere in North Norway, a group of Patricias on EXERCISE BRASS ENSEMBLE, with a few invited guests and one vaguely familiar politician hoisted a few to celebrate Regimental Day.

In March the Officers decided to beat the Sr. NCO's in a hockey game. It was an easy 9 - 6 win, with the officers barely sweating as the NCO's were helped or carried off the ice.

As a breather between exercises, the Battalion decided to put on a bit of a show for Kapyong '78. We spent a week rehearsing and drilling and put on a good show for the first official visit to the battalion by Major-General G. G. Brown and his wife Pauline. That weekend also coincided with the graduation of two TQ3 platoons, who had completed their last 8 weeks of training at Winnipeg and Shilo. We capped the week-end off with a memorial parade and service at the Provincial war memorial in Winnipeg. It is also a pleasure to note that two distinguished gentlemen, Lieutenant-General W. K. Carr and the Lieutenant Governor of Manitoba, the Honourable Francis Laurence Jobin were invested as Honorary Patricias in the Regiment.

2 PPCLI then produced another best seller, "the little red book". Last year our little green book was a smash hit and this one looks like another winner. We can hardly wait for the little black book—who knows what it will be about.

Then it was May, the sun turned warm, the flowers bloomed, and the city was an excellent place to be in...so we went to Wainwright. This year the battalion participated in a small unit exchange program with Coy A, 2/39 Inf. Div. from Fort Lewis, Washington. Our B Company was sent down to the States, while Coy A 2/39 joined us in Wainwright.

Needless to say, WAINCON 78 was very interesting. For weeks we trained in order to be able to beat the Fantasians once again. Despite their propaganda, we remained firm in our loyalty to Canada and to 1 CBG, only to discover at the last minute that we were going to be the Fantasians. So...with a shrug, and lots of red tape we converted. We also practiced the gospel theme song, "Let's All Gather At The River", which proved useful for EX PRAIRIE FIRE.

COURSES



TQ 3 Platoon Graduation.



Combat leaders course.



MCpl Hart instructing on TQ 4 Machine Gun Course "Let me see . . . this is uh . . uh . ."



Sgt Spring of Anti-Tank Platoon demonstrates the TOW to TQ 4 course.



Lt Hofman, CLC PL Comd checks out a "fine point" with Cpl Werse.

EXCERISE RAMPANT CHARGER



"That long distance feeling" Capt Jensen and MCpl Lane.



Lt Lewis, MCpl Amaral, MCpl Cook. "Canada we stand on guard for thee".



"Do you think the OC will be mad when he finds out about his car?"



"Have shovel-will travel" Pte Adams, Cpl "Callout" MCpl Sutherland.

Exercises Polar and Silver Fox



"I can't believe you enjoy this stuff" Col McNaughton base commander of CFB Winnipeg visits the Battalion.



Reconnaissance Platoon sets up another observation post. Lt Ble Kaitis, Cpl Riles, Cpl Weaver.



"The modern army has to be quick and mobile". Pte Thorn, Cpl Pike and Sgt Sato in the traces.



"A Hasty Defence".

Exercise Rapier Thrust

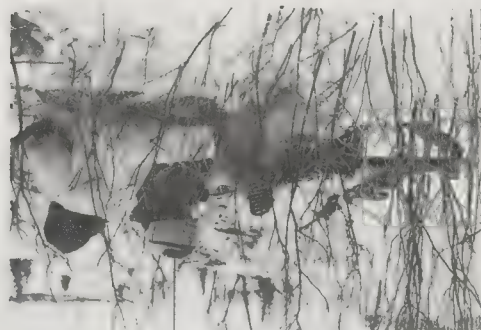
This year, the battalion went on Exercise Rapier Thrust in Shilo. We preceded the exercise by practicing our SOPs for our clearance procedures for overseas duty in the CAST role. The unit performed extremely well in this harsh environment.



"The CQ never stopped". WO Walsh and Cpl Weatherill of B Coy.



'LAYBACK'



"We were there to practice our defensive skills, from concealment to aggressive patrolling".



Waincon 78



Members of C Company crossing the Ribstone.



"Transport Platoon" Ptes Austin, Burke and Prost with Cpl Hildebrandt.



"One . . . one lousy hit".



Capt Honig speaks to his company during user trials on MK 3 Field Message Pad.

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Waincon 78



It's a bird . . . it's a plane . . . We continued to emphasize individual skills during Waincon.



"Pioneer Platoon had a busy summer". Sgt Harron does all the work while the CO, Lt Cook and the RSM look on.



Exercise Starlight Madness was conducted during Waincon to test and develop Brigade SOPs for the treatment and evacuation of casualties.

Waincon 78



A Company on Patrol.



Cpl Campbell of HQ Company "If it rains one more day I'm going to scream".

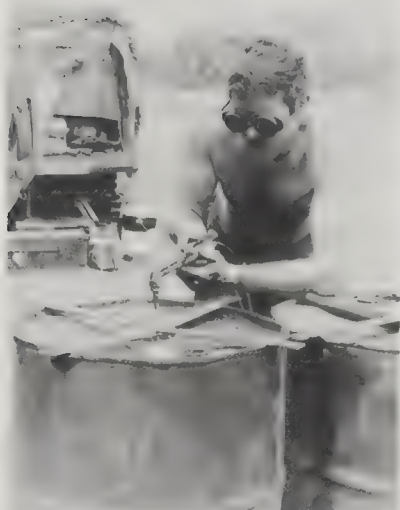


MCpl Vidal and Cpl Thompson of Platoon Reconnaissance.



RSM Wilson demonstrates the use of the battalion Mobile Laundry and Bath Unit.

Waincon 78



The clerks typed, cooks cooked, and maintenance maintained, all contributing to a successful concentration.



The US Exchange Company gave us the chance to demonstrate our own weapons and to compare weapons of all types.

Small Unit Exchange

B Company was involved in the Small Unit Exchange Programme with A Company of the 2/39th Infantry from 11th May to 11th June 78. While at Fort Lewis in Washington, B Company was involved in Recondo Training, Mountain Training and familiarization with American Army weapons. "We would much rather have been in Wainwright, but the free weekends and sunshine made up for it."



Three of the seven Dwarfs in B Company Headquarters, Cpl Muyres, Pte Brown and MCpl Crowell.



Pte Vear prepares to fire the Carl Gustav during a fire power demonstration for the American Hosts.



Squad Leaders Course.



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Kapyong 78

The people who brought you Kapyong 76 decided to put on a bit of a show during this years Kapyong Festivities. The Colonel of the Regiment, MGen Brown arrived for his first official visit to the Battalion. In addition, we invested LGen WK Carr and the Lt Gov of Manitoba 'Bud' Jobin as Honorary Patricias.



The Colonel of the Regiment, MGen GG Brown, spoke with two new TQ3 Patricia Platoons.



The Colour Party on Parade.



"OOH THAT SMARTS" Members of the two TQ3 graduating platoons demonstrated various skills during Kapyong 78.

Kapyong 78

The LtGov of Man Rt Hon 'Bud' Jobin and LtGen WK Carr are made Honourary Patricias.



*The Honourable Francis Lawrence Jobin, BA, LL.D., OSJ
Lieutenant Governor of Manitoba.*

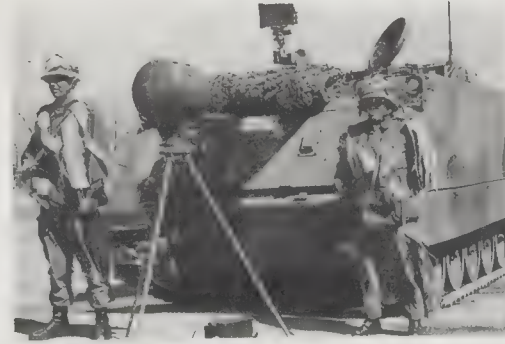


*Lieutenant General WK Carr, CMM, DFC, CD Com-
mander of Air Command.*



*The battalion observed Kapyong day with a Memorial
Parade at the Provincial War Memorial.*

KAPYONG 78



As part of the Kapyong Festivities the battalion presented a demonstration of its equipments and capabilities.





"The CO carves another turkey at the Mens Christmas Dinner".



"Finesse is the Name of the Game".



B Company's Chariot Race Team. MCpl Wilson, Sgt Murdock, Ptes Howell, Gorman and Mortson.



Drum Major Marlow and Pte Carriveau. "Eat your beans or no dessert".

CHRISTMAS AND THE REGIMENTAL DAY



"And they're off!" Competition at least started closely in the Relay Race.

Change of Command

On August 10th, LCol JEL Gollner handed over command of the battalion to LCol WH Minnis. All ranks of the battalion join in wishing good luck to LCol Gollner and his family. The two years during which he commanded proved to be both challenging and rewarding (even if our nickname is the "Crazy Battalion"). At the same time we all join in welcoming LCol Minnis and his family to Winnipeg and look forward to two years of soldiering with him.



LCol Minnis, BGen Mitchell, LCol Gollner signing the Change of Command certificate.



LCol Gollner receives his pennant as a parting gift from the battalion.



The Commander presents the outgoing CO with a plaque.



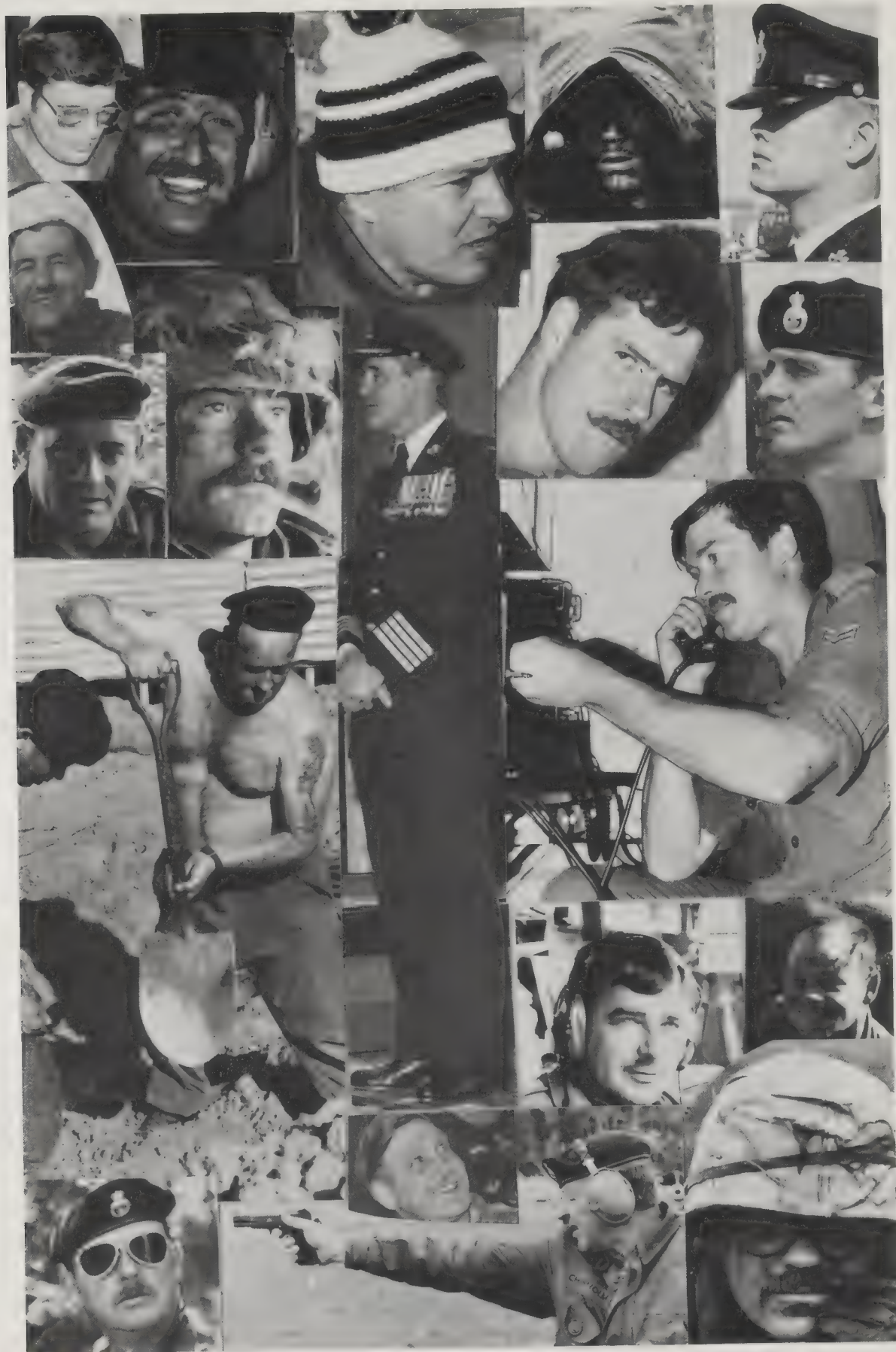
The "new" and the "old" CO inspect the battalion.



The CO of the Second Battalion leads his unit past the former Commanding Officer, LCol Gollner.







THE THIRD BATTALION

Captain R. E. Thompson

EX RAW QUARTER

Late November through early December 1977, saw the deployment of approximately 140 men of A Company and Recce Platoon to CFB Shilo for Exercise RAW QUARTER.

While in the main camp at Shilo, A Company was quartered in the Regional Early Warning Centre, better known as "The Hole", which serves as a sheltered HQ centre for the Manitoba government, should the need ever arise.

A Company spent the first week working on a gradual "acclimatization" to the cold and then, as enemy force for 2 PPCLI, in preparation for Exercise RAPIER THRUST 78. The exercise was good experience for the many soldiers new to the battalion and to winter operations. By the end of the exercise, they were looking forward to the "re-acclimatization" that would take place on return to Victoria.

Exercise RAPIER THRUST VI was soon to follow...



Getting ready to depart.

EXERCISE RAPIER THRUST VI

In January 1978, 3 PPCLI, less B Company, was developed to CFB Shilo to play enemy force for 1 Canadian Brigade Group. The primary job of A Company and Recce Platoon was to test the defensive capabilities of 2nd Battalion.

There was an additional foe, considerably more awesome and overpowering than 2 PPCLI - the WEATHER! As a "winter exercise", it never let us down in the least. It was never warmer than 30°C, and the howling winds reminded us of something we might see on "National Geographic" back in Victoria.

The highlights of the exercise were many, and nearly always exciting or amusing or cold or ridiculous; like the time Maj Manning's tent collapsed in the snow storm at 3 o'clock in the morning, "talk about a concerned look!"

The platoons were not without their follies either. Like 2 Platoon, while guiding the company to a demonstration attack for the umpires, took it upon itself to get the company totally disoriented (lost?); needless to say, the airways were pretty hot for a few minutes; a lot of "one niner out!"

A Company and Recce Platoon did however, do some good professional soldiering. Nearly all the attacks by A Company were seen to be successful by Brigade Headquarters.

Recce Platoon, commanded by Lt Palhazi, spent many long and tedious hours being enemy for A Company and in conducting reconnaissance for A Company to its objectives.

3 Platoon was alert and ready at all times. They captured two enemy patrols near an A Company leaguer on a hot tip from Pte Ripley, but then again, they lost a section the next night.

A Company's transport NCO, Sgt Murphy, and his mechanics, spent the whole exercise working very hard to keep A Company mobile. Of course the company was well administered by Capt Millward, CSM Miller, and WO Widenmaier.

In order that the good and the bad guys not get too far out of hand, 3 PPCLI conducted an Umpire School in CFB Shilo prior to the actual field exercises commencing. This school trained officers and senior NCOs in the umpiring techniques which would help make the training as realistic as possible. To this end, the Umpire School was a complete success.

And finally when the exercise was over, the troops were looking forward to returning to sunny and WARM Victoria.



"Did you puncture the cans?" ...



"No, was I supposed to?"

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Patricia's Academic and Technical Training Scheme 1978 (PATTS)

Also in January 1978, the Battalion launched an academic and technical training scheme which was tailored to the soldier's availability and time off here at Work Point Barracks. The scheme was organized by Maj Smith in consultation with Camosun College, Victoria.

The training took place each Tuesday and Thursday when the Battalion was in garrison. The Scheme's concept was ideal, since it allowed the men to take courses which they normally would not have been able to because of the great amount of time away from the garrison.

The courses offered this year included: General Grade 12 Equivalency, Auto Mechanics, Welding, Woodworking and Cooking. The soldiers paid an initial fee for books and instruction by qualified instructors and were reimbursed on their successful completion of the courses.



"Let me think now, thumb perpendicular to the ground, left index finger parallel to the handle . . . and don't force it." Warrant Officer Richardson is in the process of making a Widget while Cpl Nieuwkuyk, in the background, measures another Widget.



"And then we put it in the oven . . ." Pte McGibbon shows his skill during the cooking course.



LCol Corbould looks on to see how well the Grade 12 Equivalency Class is doing — "Was school really this much fun?". L—R CSM Miller, Sgt Fall, Ptes Brown, Donk, Knox.



"... then again, some people call this work!" The welding Course with MCpl Norton.



"... and as you can see, cars have feelings too." The Auto Mechanic Course.

Entertaining the Handicapped

Before disappearing on Christmas and New Year's leave and before any real celebrations started, 3 PPCLI carried out a most noteworthy community activity. The Battalion hosted the children of the Pearkes Clinic for Handicapped Children at a Christmas Party to ensure that some of the less fortunate were not forgotten during this special part of the year.

Santa Claus, his elves, and 15 hosts supplied with lots of goodies, entertained the children. The Christmas Party was a complete success and every child certainly had a good time and was most impressed that Santa (Cpl Houghton) seemed particularly interested in each and every request he made.

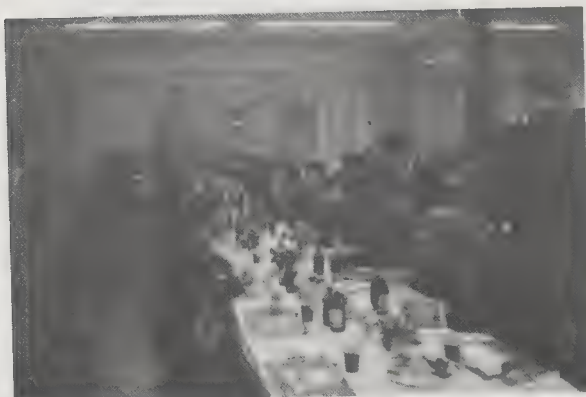
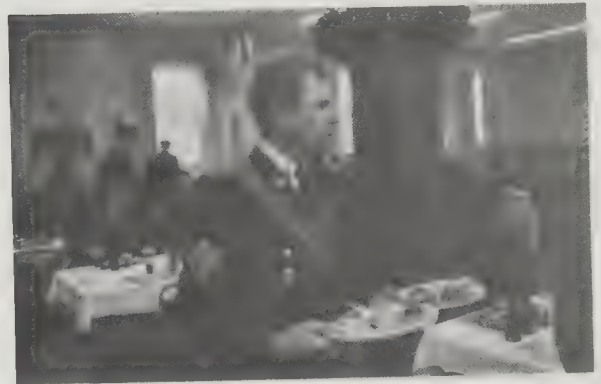
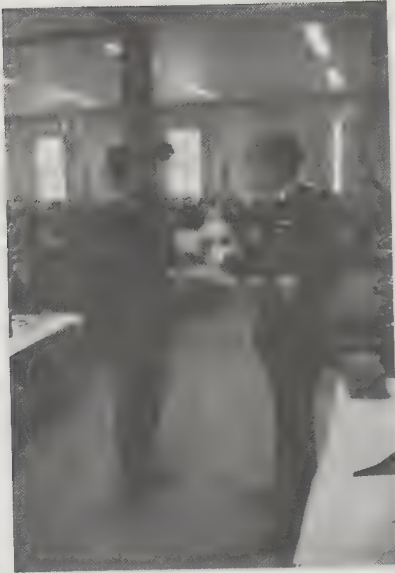
An excellent puppet show was presented and some Christmas films were shown to round out the entertainment. The children were happy to learn that someone cared.



Men's Christmas Dinner

On Thursday, December 22nd, all ranks were mustered in the Men's Kitchen for the Christmas Dinner. This was the first indication that the festive season had arrived, since only one snowfall had occurred in Victoria up until this time.

The Dinner, organized by WO Weber, was excellent. The CO and the youngest soldier carved the turkey, while the Officers, Warrant Officers and Senior NCOs served the men. Some sports trophies and CDs were presented—then it was, for most of us "stand-down" until January 4th.



Ski School '78

During the months of January and February, a most interesting ski school was conducted at Vernon, B.C. The school commenced immediately following Rapier Thrust '78 and was in operation for one month. The OC of the school was Capt Trick who ensured that the school was both interesting and fun.

A complete success, ski school consisted of 3 days of alpine skiing followed by 3 days of military cross country skiing. All successful candidates received a unit qualification and enjoyed the best adventure training to take place this year.

MCpl Wooldridge of A Company achieved a level 1 civilian ski instructor standard. We are looking forward to starting a ski club which will offer both types of skiing at a reasonable cost and at some of the best recreational ski areas in Western Canada.



Dear Folks . . They had us out in the snow . . .



. . . climbing up hills all day . . .



. . . and sliding down hills and they made us stand around in the cold.



Marpac Commander visits work point barracks.

Admiral Martin took the time in early February 1978 to visit HIS Infantry Unit. The day was spent familiarizing himself with the uniqueness of Work Point Barracks and meeting the soldiers in garrison.



"... and if ya hit two more metal duckies; ya get a stuffed panda." Admiral Martin firing an FNC rifle at the Work Point range while Captain Don Pippolo, Musketry Officer, looks on.



Admiral Martin on stepping out of an APC "... you say that it swims do you, astonishing!"

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Exercise Saturn Ramble

Third Battalion participated in Exercise SATURN RAMBLE from March 10th to 22nd at Fort Lewis and Yakima in Washington, State. The aim of the exercise was to do our annual qualification on the rifle and machine gun and to exercise the battalion's sub-units in defence and patrolling.

The week on the ranges went reasonably well. Fort Lewis boasts 115 ranges of various descriptions and needless to say, such a plethora of facilities offered unlimited opportunity to fire our weapons. Three days were spent classifying on the FNC1 rifle with MCpl Bourne taking top honours scoring 74 out of a possible 81. The DCO topped the officers with a 71 despite his V-4. Some soldiers had to take the test a second time before qualifying, but there was a relatively high percentage of marksmen in the battalion.

Practices were held to qualify the light automatic riflemen and sub-machine gunners. One of the more interesting aspects of the weeks activities was the time spent on the mechanical target ranges. Range 79 was especially useful because each hit was electronically recorded by a computer. Consequently, the total number of hits could be counted, and the best section determined. Competitions were held at night with the aid of the Image Intensifying Starlight Scope. In terms of accuracy and fire control, MCpl Moon's number 4 Section won the night shoot, while MCpl Bunzenmeyer's number 5 Section topped the daylight competition.

As the week neared completion, things began to gear up for the Regimental Day celebrations. On March 17th, PPCLI was sixty-four years old but due to training commitments the occasion was celebrated a day early. The afternoon was devoted to sports and the evening to a mess dinner with our American hosts from the 2nd Battalion of the 39th Infantry. With some able coaching and managing from last year's Queen, Pte Grant won the Chariot Queen contest. Despite valiant efforts, however, his charioteers could only manage a fourth place finish in the Chariot Race which was won by A Company. This setback was immediately rectified by the B Company Tug-Of-War squad. Under the able direction of Sgt Gosse, they pulled their way to victory. Shortly thereafter CSM Shultz of Headquarters Company managed to fit fifty-eight wriggling bodies including the CO and the RSM into the back of a 5/4 ton truck. This effort was good enough for a first place finish. Meanwhile, in the Broom-i-loo competition, a last minute goal by Pte "Newf" Greeley and shut-out goaltending by Cpl "Mo" Moiseyev gave B Company the title in that sport. Finally a combined effort led B Company to victory in the Chain of Command Race. By the end of the afternoon, B Company found itself the overall winners of the sports day for the second year in a row, to the satisfaction of Major McMurray.



The Third Battalion celebrates Regimental Day at Fort Lewis Washington. The Chain-of-Command Race is always interesting.

Fun and games over with, it was time to get back to some serious soldiering. Yakima presented new problems in camouflage and concealment. The only vegetation in Yakima was a type of sage brush that failed to hide such pieces of military kit as vehicles, hoochies, bodies, or trenches. To further complicate matters, the digging was extremely difficult and this slowed down the development of defensive positions. Nevertheless, the troops buckled down to the task at hand and worked extremely hard to make their positions defensible before the expected enemy onslaught materialized. For the next three nights the troops used pick and shovel to good effect and finally had positions that, if not perfect, were at least capable of resisting enemy attack.

In the meantime, different platoons had been assigned all the various tasks that are part of defensive operations. Minefields

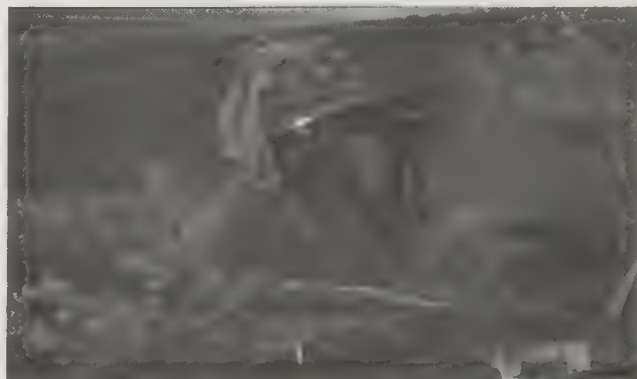
had been laid each night and barbed wire entanglements had been constructed as well. Patrols had been sent out to destroy enemy positions and to ambush enemy recce parties. As the culminating battle approached, the defenders were as ready as they could be given the time available.

At first light A Company rose out of the sagebrush to attack B Company. In a spirited battle amid swirling smoke and small arms fire, both sides were severely mauled. Some troops had to be rescued by the umpires from an even more severe mauling as individual skirmishes broke out in the trenches.

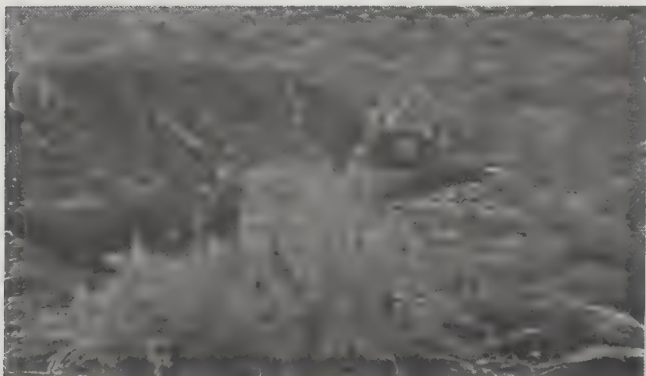
After a hearty steak dinner, a beer, and a good nights sleep in Yakima the Company departed for Victoria. One last stop was needed at the border to buy a memento to mark the end of Exercise SATURN RAMBLE.



Yes Cpl Grant, we will assess 50% casualties.



"Yes sir, I'm sure I see a tree"



"I told you your side was too deep."



"Spread out men, someone may drop a grenade"

C Company Resurrected

C Company got off the ground in fine style the night of March 19th as OTD Serial 7715, (Gothic Line) arrived at Work Point Barracks and took up residence in their new quarters. Amid wondrous stares, the 32 new members of 3 PPCLI's newest Company moved into building 1075, an austere brick building dating back to the early 1900's. Being such rudimentary quarters, it was decided not to have the platoon spend too much time inside, so at 0800 hours the next day the group was out pounding the roads of Esquimalt on their first of their many road runs (Major Plouffe, OC C Company was pleased to see the ranks finally filling up and preparing for WAINCON 78.)

Platoon indoctrination steadily progressed under the watchful eyes of 2 Lt McDonough, and MCpls Griffith, Comeau, and Kennedy. Valuable guidance was always available from Company 2IC Capt Wild and ever present Company Sergeant Major Reed.

Having settled into garrison routine, it was time for a change, so, after a relaxing four day Easter break, the platoon was packed and sent off for three days training at Mary Hill. Their departure arrived none too soon, for quick on their heels came a second platoon from Wainwright. Another "informative" in-routine was conducted under the direction of 2 Lt Mulhall, Sgt Palamar and MCpl Watt.

Such an ambitious programme must have a reason. Sure enough, C Company is expected to take its place beside A and B Companies. However, C Company is confident that her place will not be beside, but in front of her older sisters.



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"The Trail of 98"

Exercise Northern Run 78

In August 1978, 100 men of C Company, accompanied by 8 soldiers from the 2/39th US Infantry, Fort Lewis, Washington, completed a 600 mile trek from Skagway Alaska to Dawson City, Yukon. Reliving the days of the gold rush of 1898, the Company climbed the White Pass and then travelled down the Yukon River in assault boats. Stops were made at all populated Centres and a Feu De Joie was fired at Dawson City and at Whitehorse.



**"EVELYN MUST BE AROUND
HERE SOMEWHERE"**



**"LOOK WHAT THEY'RE HAVING AT THE
CAPTAINS TABLE"**



CAPTAINS TABLE



"HAVE THAT MAN KEEL-HAULED"



THE FLOTILLA

Combat Leaders Course

The Combat Leaders Course, held at Work Point Barracks, completed training on Friday, 14 April 1978.

Essentially, the course consisted of identifying leadership qualities and developing these qualities so that candidates became leaders. The course consisted of both formal classroom lectures and field exercises.

Initially, the formal lectures were given by the course instructors, but soon, candidates were given periods of instruction themselves.

Field exercises were held mainly when Third Battalion, was on Exercise SATURN RAMBLE at Yakima, Washington. The course was conducted in such a way that maximum stress levels were present at all times.

The course commander, Lieutenant Cruickshank, graduated 18 of 36 starters. The course was extremely demanding, but the graduates realized during the graduation parade that the training was necessary; a great sense of pride and achievement was felt.



Combat Leaders Course 1978



Front Row Left to Right: Pte JA O-Keefe, Pte GA Treger, Pte SW Nicholson, Pte TR Humphrey, Pte JT Koidhis, Pte JA Monteith, Pte GE Knox, Pte GC Clark, Pte AR Snider, Pte HT Talboom. Back Row - Pte LW Munn, Pte CE McNally, Pte DR simons, Cpl HF McKay, Pte ME Adams, Pte JA Bernard, Cpl JFD Marquis. Centre - Pte ED Whitebone.

Visit of the Colonel-in-Chief

Lady Patricia Brabourne visited her Third Battalion from 27th June until 3rd July. It was an honour to have her with us during the Freedom of the City of Victoria celebrations on July 1st, 1978.

The Lady Brabourne was present when the battalion paraded on the lawn of the British Columbia's Legislative Building and through the streets of Victoria. She was the guest of honour for the Third Battalion's Military Tattoo at Work Point Barracks. The

"Mini" Tattoo included a static display, helicopter rappelling, unarmed combat, death slides, novelty acts by battalion tradesmen, para drops, and a mock battle; all to the music of the Regimental Band. Air photos were taken of the tattoo by CF-5 fighter aircraft from 434 Squadron.

The time flew by and, to our sorrow, Lady Patricia, her husband, Lord John Brabourne and son Phillip departed for Calgary.



Lady Patricia arrives at Pat Bay Airport.



Inspection of the Guard of Honour Commanded by Major McMurray.

March on the Colours.



The arrival of the guests of honour at the Freedom of the City Parade 1 July 1978.



Lady Patricia and Mayor Young of Victoria inspect the Battalion at the Freedom of the City Parade.





All too soon, it was time to say farewell to Lady Patricia and her family as they departed from Pat Bay airport on 3 July 1978.

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Commander's Inspection

The 1 Canadian Brigade Group Commander, BGen P.J. Mitchell CD visited 3 PPCLI on his annual inspection. The inspection went very well although rain threatened the parade several times.



Members of 3 PPCLI receive the Queen's Jubilee Medal



Left to Right: Front row - Capt LG Meckbach, MCpl RW Cole, MCpl JG Emond, MCpl OE McCully, MCpl TL Woodworth, Capt BL McDonald, Lt JR Vallee, Second row - CWO FH Buxton, MCpl DE Colton, Cpl JG Kinch, Cpl TJ Ogilvie, MCpl Al Maurice, LCol GK Corbould. Sgt DE Lyons, Sgt RA Laws, WO GMD Murley, Sgt DR Estabrooks, MWO CR Poff. Back row - Sgt HB Stevenson, Sgt AP Fall, MWO LL Schultz, WO GR Hurst, MWO DJ Yendall.

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The Third Battalion at Waincon 1978





Photomosaics of the Third Battalion in 1978











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The Stage-Work Point Barracks 1 July 1978

THE CANADIAN AIRBORNE REGIMENT by Lieutenant K. W. Gotthardt

Report From the Patricias

Serving with the Canadian Airborne Regiment

The past year has been a demanding one for Patricias serving in the Canadian Airborne Regiment. The move from Edmonton to Petawawa was completed by August and with the move, there were several personnel and organizational changes. Col. J. J. Painchaud, R22eR, took command of the Regiment and L. Col. R. M. (Dick) Macintosh was appointed Deputy Commander. Their concerted efforts ensured that the Regiment regained its operational efficiency in a very short period of time. Accommodation at CFB Petawawa was limited. Working under a formation headquarters was a change after years of independence in Edmonton. Notwithstanding these initial difficulties, the Regiment was able to commence its training programme at Company level by October.

Exercises

D and E Companies conducted platoon and Company training in Borden and Meaford in October. These exercises provided a good base for the first Commando level exercise in Borden in January 78. During the same period, F Company was deployed as an enemy force in Exercise "PREVAILING CHILL" in northern Quebec. The exercise was designed to practise 1 RCR in its AMF(L) role. Under the capable leadership of Capt. R. A. (Rags) Duncan and assisted by MWO B. E. Reed, F Company created havoc with the RCR battalion.



The commanding officer of 2 AB Cdo congratulates Capt RA Duncan for F Coy's performance on exercise "PREVAILING CHILL" in Jan 78. Other Patricias are MCpl RP Cameron (extreme right) and Cpl D Boersma at the rear.

After a short stay in garrison the Regiment started its preparation for Exercise "REGAL ONAGER". This exercise was designed, primarily, to practise the Regiment's "QUICK RIG" procedures. These procedures had to be changed considerably since our days in Edmonton. With Trenton as the staging base being approximately four hours away by road, timings and procedures developed in Edmonton no longer applied. In addition, various details had to be worked out with the staff at CFB Trenton to accommodate the Regiment prior to its deployment and to provide facilities for normal battle procedures. To this end, the exercise proved very useful in correcting some of the inherent problems.



Shown above during Exercise "Regal Onager" are left to right; WO IS (Ivan) MacPhee and Cpl DC Campbell in "D" Coy's defensive position.



Members of the 2 Commando Airborne Defence Platoon preparing for Exercise "Regal Onager". From left to right; Cpl Murray (RCR), Cpl Morris and Cpl MacDonald.

After the initial staging, the Regiment deployed by parachute into the Elk Lake-Earlington area of Northern Ontario. The exercise provided excellent training for the Regiment and the troops developed a good rapport with the local population both by their exemplary conduct and by organizing displays and demonstrations in both Earlington and Elk Lake on completion of the exercise.

In May 1978 all of the preceding training was put together and the SSF was deployed to CFB Borden on Exercise "GEORGIAN STRIKE". The Airborne Regiment was deployed as the SSF's vanguard by parachute to capture and secure the airfield. Once the task was complete, the remainder of the SSF was airlifted on completion of this exercise. The Airborne Regiment conducted a successful ten day battle school in Meaford.

Courses

Primary combat function courses were conducted centrally by the SSF training centre as well as two Combat Leaders' Courses. 2 Cdo conducted Reconnaissance Patrolman and Drivers' Courses.

Visit of Colonel-in-Chief

On 27/28 June 78 our Colonel-in-Chief, Lady Patricia Brabourne, visited members of her Regiment serving with the Canadian Airborne Regiment.

The festivities commenced with a luncheon at Drop Zone Normandy, where The Lady Brabourne had the opportunity to address her Patricias. She was accompanied by her husband, The Lord Brabourne, and by her son Phillip.

After the Luncheon, at which Lady Brabourne presented 2 Commando with a Patricia Camp Flag, parachuting activities commenced. CWO E. K. (Ed) Witt christened the new flag during his parachute descent, managing to display it proudly in the air while pulling a slip to avoid the many fence lines.

During the late afternoon Lady Patricia accepted an invitation to attend a small function at the WO's and Sgts' Mess. Festivities concluded that evening with a Bar-B-Q at the Airborne Officers' Mess.



The Lady Brabourne addresses members of her Regiment serving with the Canadian Airborne Regiment on DZ Normandy.



The Lady Brabourne observing Patricia jumpers exiting from a helicopter above DZ Normandy.



L Col RM (Dick) Macintosh introduces CWO EK (Ed) Witt, 2 Airborne Commando Sergeant Major to Lady Patricia.

Social Events

Aside from normal Regimental events, one event worthy of mention, was Regimental Day on 17th Mar. 1978. Many of the old Patricias in the area were available to participate. The celebration got under way with the traditional birthday jump with many of the old jumpers at CFB Petawawa, who are not on strength of the Canadian Airborne Regiment, being manifested. The jump was followed by the traditional Broom-i-Loo Games. As usual, the victor of the Officers/Senior NCOs games is still being disputed. There was an all ranks get-together following the Broom-i-Loo match and many friendships were renewed. RSM 'Phil' Raven of 2 Service Battalion attended the celebrations. Old jumpers and glider pilots may remember 'Phil' Raven who is retiring from the service this year. He served in the Regiment from 1944 until the '60s.

The following evening, a mixed dining-in was held in the Airborne Officers' Mess. We were fortunate to have present the Colonel of the Regiment, M Gen. G. G. Brown, OSJ, CD, M Gen. H. C. Pitts MC, CD and B Gen. A. G. Christie, CD, and their charming ladies.

BROOM-I-LOO!



Seen here battling it out are from Left to Right: MWO TJ (Tom) Murphy, Lt MK (Miles) MacDonald, WO H (Harry) Stinson and Lt JD (Jake) Lambert.

MIXED MESS DINNER PPCLI REGIMENTAL DAY



Front Row: L-R, Maj Brian Vernon, BGen Andy Christie, MGen George Brown, MGen Herb Pitts, LCol Dick Macintosh, Maj Sandy MacDonald. Standing: L-R, Capt Ray Trowhill, Lt Miles McDonald, Capt John Power, Lt Jake Lambert, Lt Chuck Collicott, Capt Marcell Bezilny, Lt Bill Turner, Lt Tony Seward, Maj Jim Waldron, Capt Ralph Schutte, Capt Bob Duncan, Capt Tom Joseph, Maj Mike Perretin, Capt Geoff Baker, Lt Karl Gotthardt, Lt Larry Stewart, Capt Gerry Flaman, Lt Lou Vandenbrun



Patricia Officers and their Ladies.

It is planned to conduct reciprocal training with 25 (GE) Airborne Brigade from 28 August to 9 September 1978. It is anticipated that Armour Defence Platoon of 2 Airborne Commando, supplemented by selected personnel of D and E Companies, will attend the 25 (GE) Brigade Jump Bivouac from 28 August to 2 September and then train with their Airborne Antitank Company 250 until 9 September. Those selected are eagerly looking forward to this trip. In return, the Germans will send an Airborne rifle platoon in January or February to participate in our winter training.

A black and white photograph showing a group of men in military uniforms standing in a line in front of a small building. The image is blurry and has a grainy texture.

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1 CANADIAN BRIGADE GROUP OPERATIONAL TRAINING DETACHMENT

The past year has been an extremely active and productive one at the Depot. A total of 416 new Patricias graduated and were posted to their respective battalions; First Battalion received 139, Second Battalion 145 and Third Battalion 132. The percentage of new recruits successfully completed the training has increased significantly this past year with an overall pass rate of 72 percent (416 of 582), with several platoons achieving excellent results of over 90 percent. The platoons in training were visited by the Colonel of the Regiment; the Commander of Mobile Command, LGen J.J. Paradis; LCol A. Gilboa of the Israeli Defence Forces, and by Miss Sylvia Tyson after she had given a concert in Camp Wainwright the previous evening. The Unit actively participated in numerous activities including the Remembrance Day ceremonies in the Town of Wainwright, unarmed combat and weapons demonstrations for the Wainwright Sea Cadets and Navy League, not to mention our Regimental Day celebrations on 17th March during which the Officers successfully defended their perfect record; "winners" again for the fourth consecutive year. The following platoons graduated;

AGIRA	Top Recruit Marksmanship Award Most Improved Fitness Award	- Pte Bourque SP - Pte Jeffries ME - Pte Legroulx RL - Pte Bourque SP
LIRI VALLEY	Top Recruit Marksmanship Award Most Improved Fitness Award	- Pte Kohinski GD - Pte McIntyre PJ - Pte Kelly DJ - Pte McIntyre PJ
NAVIGLIO CANAL	Top Recruit Marksmanship Award Most Improved Fitness Award	- Pte Cole AB - Pte Wagner DA - Pte Leonard GP - Pte Wisniewski LT
ITALY	Top Recruit Marksmanship Award Most Improved Fitness Award	- Pte MacDonald JD - Pte MacDonald JD - Pte Valcourt PL - Pte Doyle DJ
AMIENS	Top Recruit Marksmanship Award Most Improved Fitness Award	- Pte Whitebone ED - Pte Burchat GB - Pte Campbell ND - Pte Butters JD
FREZENBERG	Top Recruit Marksmanship Award Most Improved Fitness Award	- Pte Owen DR - Pte Jones BR - Pte Miller WE - Pte Buchanan DL
SCARPE	Top Recruit Marksmanship Award Most Improved Fitness Award	- Pte Burns CR - Pte Polvi RL - Pte Ganley JN - Pte Burns CR
CANAL DU NORD	Top Recruit Marksmanship Award Most Improved Fitness Award	- Pte Brooks RN - Pte Brooks RN - Pte Munro RC - Pte Paul CF
MONS	Top Recruit Marksmanship Award Most Improved Fitness Award	- Pte Downing GE - Pte Conway MJ - Pte Nowell DA - Pte King WS

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Marksmanship Award
Most Improved
Fitness Award

- Pte Sim NG
- Pte Tracey MA
- Pte Dundas ND
- Pte Crann WR

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Top Recruit
Marksmanship Award
Most Improved
Fitness Award

- Pte Scully DG
- Pte Doris RC
- Pte Burns DE
- Pte Whitlock BE

MORO

Top Recruit
Marksmanship Award
Most Improved
Fitness Award

- Pte Jacklin WE
- Pte Hussey TA
- Pte Deveau GA
- Pte Jacklin WE

GULLY

Top Recruit
Marksmanship Award
Most Improved
Fitness Award

- Pte Stolarski DA
- Pte Erb KW
- Pte Graveline DJ
- Pte Rankin RC

HITLER LINE

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Marksmanship Award
Most Improved
Fitness Award

- Pte Bondarenko BA
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Officers and Senior NCOs of 1 OTD and Camp Wainwright following the annual Broom-i-Loo loss.



A double victory by members of Northwest Europe Platoon on Regimental Day as the Commanding Officer presents the Broom-i-Loo and Best Platoon Pennant awards.



Miss Sylvia Tyson is presented with a PPCLI plaque following her concert and visit to Camp Wainwright and 1 OTD.



WO Peterson commands 1 OTD contingent in the 1978 Wainwright Stampede Parade.

THE REGIMENTAL BAND

by Sergeant S. W. Belenky, CD

Band duties remain much the same this year as in the past. There were the usual parades, mess dinners, school concerts and work shops, as well as many hours spent on airplanes, buses and even helicopters travelling to and from engagements. Audiences varied from 50 in a school gymnasium to 500 million on world wide television during the opening ceremonies of the Commonwealth Games at Edmonton.

We have said farewell to several of our musicians whose musical talents and abilities as performers will be difficult to replace and we have welcomed their replacements. We find it increasingly difficult to say goodbye to our old friends, particularly those who retire, just when their musical careers are reaching their peak. The enthusiasm and willingness of the young will have to compensate for experience, for at least a few years. Maybe quite a few... In any event, those posted out or retiring included Capt

Camplin, MWO Richardson, WOs Vanderburg, Jones and Pheby, Sgt Davidson and Cpl Mackie and transferred to the band were Maj Pierret from Valcartier, WO Van Liempt from Esquimalt, Sgt Wills from Winnipeg, Cpls Cook and Rogers from Cornwallis and a special welcome was extended to two direct entries; Cpl Walker and A/Cpl Frechette. The months to come will see WO Hails and Sgt Vanderlinden beginning their retirement leave.

Chief Warrant Officer Roberti was the acting Director of Music between commanding officers as Captain Camplin retired in June and Major Pierret did not arrive until late August. The Chief's theme was PARTICIPATION and it seems that young audiences got the message wherever we went if we use the number of standing ovations as a yard stick.

So, events go by, musicians come and go but, Time and the Band "March on".



Captain L. Camplin, CD

Captain Leonard Camplin, CD, joined the British Army in 1946 as a violinist and oboist. Upon graduation from the Royal Military School of Music at Kneller Hall in 1955, he became, at the age of 26, the youngest bandmaster in the British Army.

He came to Canada in 1959 as Supervisor of Music for Saskatchewan schools and in 1961 joined the Canadian Army as Director of Music and Commanding Officer of the Royal Canadian Engineers Band stationed in Chiliwack, B.C.

On unification in 1968 he was appointed Director and Commanding Officer of the new Canadian Forces Naden Band in Victoria. After a two year period as Music Officer at the Canadian Forces School of Music he became Director of Music and Commanding Officer of the PPCLI Band in August, 1972.

During his 26 years in the Army, he has conducted many outstanding musical organizations including the Band of HM Scots Guards, the Vancouver CBC Radio Orchestra and the Winnipeg Symphony Choir.

He has conducted in the presence of many famous and distinguished persons including HM Queen Elizabeth II, President L. B. Johnson, Prime Ministers L. B. Pearson and P. E. Trudeau, Governors-General Vanier, and Mitchener, Dr. Fisher, the Archbishop of Canterbury and several Premiers and their Cabinets.

Upon retirement in August of this year, Captain Camplin took up residence in Kelowna, B.C. where he assumed the Directorship of the Okanagan Symphony Orchestra.



Major J. F. Pierret, CD

Major Pierret is a native of Brussels, Belgium, where at the age of 9 years, he began the study of music on trumpet at the Conservatory of Music. He was a student at the Academy of Music until 1944. For four years he studied at the Royal Conservatory of Music in Brussels, and was awarded the first prize for all percussion instruments.

His first association with the military began in 1948 as a percussionist with the Belgian Army Band stationed in Soest, Germany. He remained with this band for seven years, until 1955, when he came to Canada as a member of the PPCLI Band. Then in 1956 he was transferred to the Royal Canadian Ordnance Corps Band, Montreal, Quebec. He was selected in competition for the Director of Music course at the Royal Military School of Music (Kneller Hall) England from 1961 to 1964. He graduated with the class of 1963 receiving two first prizes and silver plaques for choral composition and military band arrangements, two second prizes and bronze medals for the best quick march composition and for gaining the most marks on secondary instruments.

After graduating from the Royal Military School of Music, Major Pierret was appointed Assistant Director of Music to La Musique du Royal 22^e Regiment in Quebec City in May 1964, and Commanding Officer/Director of Music in July 1965.

Apart from his many achievements as a soloist, composer, arranger and musical adjudicator, he has earned national and international recognition as conductor of the famous "Van Doos" band.

In August of this year, Major Pierret returned to Calgary and to the Regiment to become the Director of Music of Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry Band.

THE REGIMENTAL BAND



Band work-shop with musicians from College-Heights High School at Calgary.



School Concert series with CWO Roberti and guest conductor from Dalhousie Elementary School at Calgary.



Calgary Children's Hospital Program. Sgt Gow and Capt Camplin.

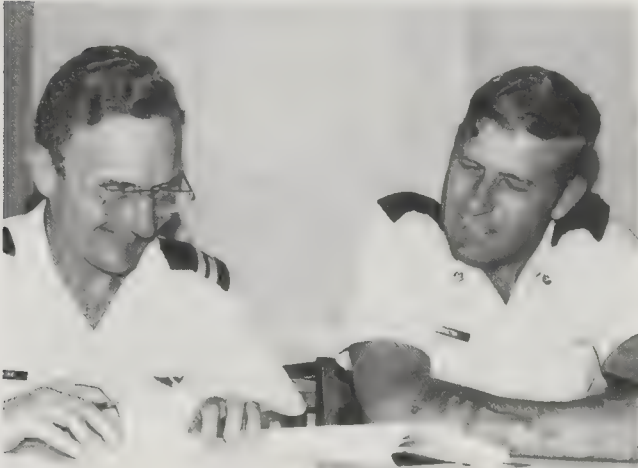


Lieutenant-General RM Withers, CMM, CD inspects the Band.

THE COMBAT TRAINING CENTRE by Major A. S. Johnston, CD

Gagetown Patricias

The small band of 50 Patricias at CFB Gagetown continues to soldier on, maintaining a very visible presence as representatives of the Army of the West. The work is demanding and rewarding; rewarding particularly when so many Patricias attending courses are presented with awards for excellent performance. What follows is a résumé of Gagetown Patricia activities in 1978.



Capt Mike McMurtrie and WO LA Johnston working on the Course Training Plan for the Advance Reconnaissance Patrolman Course.

Capt Mike McMurtrie is the resident "Standards" authority in the Infantry Department in the position of SO3 Standards. Mike took over this task during the recent Combat Arms School reorganization and in this capacity, is responsible for the production of all Course Training Plans and Standards within the Infantry School. Mike obviously enjoys his work—why else would anyone ask for (and get) a one year extension in Gagetown?

Assisting Mike with Standards, is Capt Dave Giacomelli, who is completing his second year at CTC. Capt Bill Guscott is the Infantry School's Training Officer. Bill is easily recognized here in the summer since he is the only officer in the school who doesn't tan. Capt Vince Kennedy is on his way to Staff College in Kingston after a brief tour as Adjutant. Capt Ron Johnson is Mr. TOW in Combat Weapons Company and Capt Ken Nette is still riding herd on the Small Arms staff. Capt Arnie Lavoie is a course officer in Basic Leadership Company, and for the summer's officer training, he was employed as the Phase Three training officer. Maj Al Johnston is OC Advanced Training Company and is responsible for TQ-7 CSM Course, Company Commanders' Course and Phase IV OCT.

Capt Paul Ronksley and Capt "Hap" Stutt were both working with Phase Four this summer—working as hard as one can knowing that at the end of the summer a posting "out West" is waiting for you. Having recently returned from Palestine, Capt Doug Martin has just taken command of Support Company within the Infantry School.

Outside the School, Capt Marv Dyck keeps a grip on the Commonwealth's largest training area as the SO3 Ranges in Combat Training Centre Headquarters and Capt John De Solla holds down the ACO (Land) position here in Gagetown. Capt Dan Davies, who was the Base Adjutant for the past three years, has departed for Victoria, but not before turning over the reins to Capt Jack McGee. The man who really runs the Base and who is our senior Patricia is LCol Art Neadow. LCol Neadow, the Base Administrative Officer, replaced LCol Gary Hunt, who is off to Norway.

Maj Dave Campbell rounds out Regimental Headquarters at Base and in his job, SO2 Pers Svcs, only gets to the field for his annual classification.



The new School RSM, CWO GR Smith.

CWO Gerry Smith was recently promoted to that rank and now holds the position of RSM of the Infantry School. During his first year with the School, he was the CSMI of Basic Leadership Company, the Company responsible for training Phase Two and Phase Three officer cadets and the TQ-6B Course. He also was a member of the Directing Staff for the TQ-7 Company Sergeant Major Course.



A happy-go-lucky CSMI. MWO Len Connell in a rare good mood.

MWO Len Connell has been CSMI of Advance Training Company since his arrival at the School a year ago. In addition to his CSM's duties, he is the driving force behind the TQ-7 Company Sergeant Major Course.

MWO Ed Bakker, after three years of excellent service in Basic Leadership Company, will be heading to 2PPCLI this fall. This summer he was Course 21/C of the Phase III officer training.



WO Knobby Clark hard at it.

"Knobby" is just completing his second year in the School and, apart from a summer with Phase Two as a Course Warrant Officer, he has spent his entire tour to date as the course WO of the Anti-Armour Course.

WO LA Johnston is heading to Victoria after two years of excellent service in Gagetown. "LA" spent his time in both Basic Leadership Company and in the Co-ord Office, as well as performing the lion's share of the work required to keep the Continuation Parachute Training alive and well. WO Arndt is in Basic Leadership Company as well, and is normally involved in Phase Three and RESO I courses as well as in the programming for various courses.

WOs Komandina, Gray and Picken are all employed in Basic Leadership Company on Phases Two and Three of Officer Classification Training and with the 6B Course. WO Hopkins was employed with Basic Leadership Company initially, but has since worked almost exclusively with Anti-Armour courses.

WO "Paddy" McEachern spent most of his time with the TOW courses, although for the past year was CQMS for the Advance Training Company.

At the time of writing, WO Ritthaler is carrying out his final base clearance prior to departure for Calgary and in the process, is making other Patricias here homesick by driving around with spanking new Alberta license plates on his truck. WO Singer worked last summer with Phase Two, and then went to Tactics and Training Development. He has been posted to 1PPCLI.



A determined Sgt Borchert.

Sgt Borchert has been with the Infantry School for approximately one year now and has spent his entire time with Basic Leadership Company as a section instructor on Phase Two and Phase Three.

A number of the Patricia Sergeants on the base are employed outside of the Infantry School. Sergeants Daly, Gaudett and Ranger are all employed with Armour Department.

Sgt Fife is on the staff of Tactics and Training Development. Sgt Gurr spent last summer with Phase Two but is now spending his days at CTC HQ.

Sgt Mathews works at Base HQ in the Pers Adm. Branch and has been there for the past two years. Sgt Kozlik is in his third year here in Infantry School; at the present time he is with Mortars.

Sgt McCarthy is the most recent Patricia Senior NCO to arrive at the School. He was immediately thrown into the breach and spent this past summer with a section of officer cadets on Phase Two. He will now become an instructor on the Advance Sniper Course.



MCpl JC Welsh checking the C2s of Phase III officer cadets

Patricia Master Corporals are quite rare here in Gagetown; almost as rare as Patricia Privates. Master Corporal Welsh is employed by the Infantry School in the Demonstration Platoon. This summer he supported Phase Three training by working as platoon storeman. Master Corporal Turner also works in Demonstration Platoon and in fact, he claims he runs the organization.

Master Corporal Naugler, recently promoted to that rank is a storeman in support Company stores.



Cpl JE Bowden driving the body.

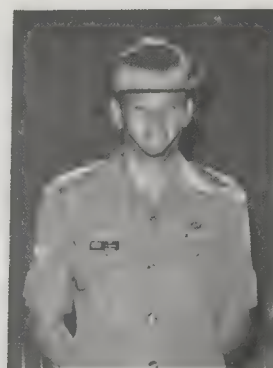
Corporal Bowden is employed with the Transport Section in Support Company. This summer, he supported Phase Three Officer Training by working as a course driver/administration NCO.

Corporals Cody and Casey are both posted to the Armoured School where their presence adds a little flair to that School's activities. Corporal Price is presently employed in the Demonstration Platoon and Corporal Arsenault works in the transport Section.



Pte Polvi of the Infantry School.

There are very few PPCLI privates in Gagetown and for a while, Ptes Polvi and Brown held the distinction of being the only two on the ground. Quality counts—not quantity. This summer will no doubt see the arrival of a few more stalwarts from the West.



Capt Dan McDaniels, Royal Australian Regiment.

Capt Daniel McDaniel of the Royal Australian Regiment, is presently serving as the Australian Exchange Officer here at the Infantry School. Dan, a veteran of Vietnam, has spent most of his time with Phase II OCT, both as a course officer and as the training officer. Dan's thoroughness and uncompromising approach to training will be missed by all those who knew and respected him. Dan is posted back to Australia this Fall.



The Officers' Broomiloo Team, CFB Gagetown, 1978. Left to Right, Capt Jim MacDonald, Major Al Johnston, Captains Ron Johnson, Ken Nette, Paul Ronksley, Marv Dyck, Arnie Lavoie, bottom - Vince Kennedy and Dave Giacomelli.



The Other Ranks Broomiloo Team, CFB Gagetown, 1978. Left to Right - rear row, MWO Ed Bakker, WO Gray, WO Arndt, WO Bill Picken, MCpl Turner, WO 'Knobby' Clark, MWO Len Connell, WO Gil Hopkins, MCpl Welsh, MWO (now CWO) Gerry Smith, Major Allan Bower (Prince of Wales Own-British Army), Referee. Front row, WO 'LA' Johnston, WO Wally Komadina, WO Bill Gray, Sgt Steve Kozlik, MWO Jack Murray, MWO Gord Hryhoryshen, WO Paddy McEachern, WO Don Ritthaler and Sgt Reg Gurr.



A good example of not keeping your eye on the ball. Capt Arnie Lavoie and Sgt Kozlik battle it out, while a determined defense looks on.

The 17th of March was celebrated in fine fashion. The officers allowed the other ranks to win the Broom-i-Loo Game, and the Spent Casing Award is being held by the officers in anticipation of next year's game. PPCLI officers in the area, serving and retired, held a Mess Dinner as part of the celebrations and were pleased to have the Honourable Barney Danson, Minister of National Defence, as a guest during the sing-a-long portion of the evening. The all ranks dance on Saturday evening was a smashing success and provided an excellent finale to the three days of celebration.

MWOs Jack Murray, Gord Hryhoryshen, and Gerry Venn retired this summer after many years of good service. All Patricias in Gagetown were sorry to see them go. A senior NCO's luncheon was held to say farewell and, as part of the function, gifts and plaques were presented. We wish them well on their retirement.



Sgt Joyal of 2PPCLI receives a Certificate of Achievement from LCol Ellis, Commanding Officer of the Infantry School, for having placed first on his Advanced Machine Gun Course.



WO Sam Simpson of the Canadian Airborne Regiment receives a Certificate of Achievement from Major (former RSM) Finnie for having placed first on the Company Sergeant Major Course.



Lieutenant J Lockyer was the winner of the Allard Sword this year after completion of his fourth phase of training. The award is presented to the candidate who is judged to be the top candidates of fourth phase.



Lieutenant HD Otchenash from the First Battalion was the winner of the Kitching Trophy this summer. He was awarded the trophy for having been judged as the officer who has shown the greatest improvement during all phases of his training.

CANADIAN FORCES RECRUIT SCHOOL

by Captain E. F. Parker

Regimental representation at CFRS has increased quite a bit over the past few years, to the point where one can now say that the Patricias make a significant impact on the basic training of all new servicemen. With the emergence of regimental accountments last year, it is safe to say that we've added a noticeable bit of "colour" to what had previously been the domain of that "other" English speaking regiment.

The first thing you notice about being posted to Cornwallis is the amount of time you don't spend away from home. To the uninitiated, it might seem that a posting to CFRS is something of a "swan"; on the one hand, that's an accurate description, as it gives you a chance to relax from the fast pace of battalion life. On the other hand, however, you quickly find yourself with much more responsibility than you ever had in a battalion. It is not unusual to find a Master Corporal commanding a section of 20 or 30 brand new recruits, or a Warrant Officer with a "platoon" of 130 all ranks. The first few weeks of every course finds the squad instructors in the barracks every night, in order to turn civilians into soldiers in just 11 short weeks—no easy task.



"Cutting the Birthday Cake", WO Ellis and CWO MacLean (Ex-3rd Bn).



"In keeping with tradition . . ." Sgt Anderson, WO Ellis, Capt Parker, Sgt Tessier and Sgt Rushworth.

1978 saw the inauguration of an important new step in the training of infantry recruits at CFRS. For the first time, recruits destined for the infantry, were grouped into regimentally affiliated courses commanded by regimental officers. This trial is part of an effort to produce regimental identity and esprit de corps among infantry recruits right from the start, and thus hopefully reducing "culture shock" and hence attrition, during the next levels of training. The first special Patricia serial was "Kapyong" Platoon, which graduated on 30th June. The Platoon was commanded by Lt Eckley from 2 PPCLI, with MCpls Sheppard, Tessier and Tyerman as Squad Instructors. On 31st August, "Ypres" Platoon, under Lt Clegg from 3 PPCLI graduated; instructors for the platoon—WO Wooley, Sgt Thomas, and MCpls McCluskey and Tyerman. At the time of writing, a third serial under 2Lt Burry Vanderveer from 1st Battalion was just about to start. So far, eight Patricia serials have been planned for this new concept in recruit/TQ 3 training interface.

In writing any article about the Regiment at Cornwallis one would be terribly remiss not to mention the "Base Boys". At the moment, the Base General Safety Section is composed entirely of Veteran Patricias—WO Ed Bulger, Sgt John MacIsaac, and Sgt Nick MacEachern, all ex-CFRS instructors.

"Regimentally speaking, the highlight of the past year at CFRS was the celebration of our Regimental Day on March 17th. Guest of honour for the occasion was LCOL R. T. MacEachern, Commandant of CFRS, who paid tribute to the members of the Regiment who have contributed to the success of recruit training. LCOL MacEachern accepted, on behalf of the School, a print of the Battle of Kapyong, a gift from all the Patricias serving at CFRS—past, present and future. Other activities included the cutting of the Regimental Birthday Cake by CWO MacLean (an ex-member of 3rd Battalion from Korea days) and MWO Stever, treating everyone to a showing of an old Regimental Trooping film. It was interesting to note that four of those present took part in, or watched the actual trooping in 1953; Maj Jim MacIntosh, WO Ed Bulger, Sgt John MacIsaac and Sgt "Neufie" Best.

The 1978 Birthday celebrations coincided with the graduation of 7 Platoon (Course 7808) under WO Batiuk. His platoon was thus chosen to perform a special Sunset Ceremony, as part of the School celebrations. The platoon put on a flawless demonstration of precision drill—a credit to the hard work of their instructors. (To add a bit of flavour to the event, Sgt Mole, the platoon 2I/C "modified" his CF Parade Belt to "the Regimental Pattern"!



The Down Home Detachment!!

CFRS Patricias 1978

Capt Frank Parker
MWO Wally Scharf

MWO Al Stever

WO Pete Batiuk
WO Bob Bennett
WO Jim Ellis
WO Ed Richardson
WO Jim Woolley
Sgt Brian Anderson
Sgt Neufie Best
Sgt Jim Burgher
Sgt Fritz Freidrich
Sgt Jim Miller

Sgt Rod Mole
Sgt Larry Ruck
Sgt Gregg Rushworth
Sgt Brian Sheppard
Sgt Jim Smyth
Sgt Al Sparks

Sgt Mark Swanson

Sgt Bob Tasco
Sgt Marcel Tessier
Sgt "JJ" Thomas
MCpl Gerry Bowen
MCpl Don Collins
MCpl Jerry Cawley
MCpl Pat Doucette
MCpl Brian Furlong
MCpl Rus Hatter
MCpl Bruce Lemessurier
MCpl John Loxterkamp
MCpl John King
MCpl Marty MacIsaac
MCpl Rick McCluskey
MCpl Tom McMullin
MCpl George Smith
MCpl Mike Snea
MCpl Bill Tarbett
MCpl Gord Tyerman
MCpl Vern Wagler
MCpl Randy Wiken

Base Patricias

WO Ed Bulger
Sgt John MacIsaac

Sgt Nick MacEachern

Administration Officer
Company Senior Instructor,
B Company
Company Senior Instructor,
C Company
OC 7 Platoon (Posted 1 PPCLI)
OC 12 Platoon
OC 12 Platoon (Posted 3 PPCLI)
OC 6 Platoon
OC 1 Platoon
2IC 9 Platoon
2IC 10 Platoon (Posted 2 PPCLI)
2IC 5 Platoon (Posted 1 PPCLI)
2IC 11 Platoon
Lecture Platoon
(Posted 2 PPCLI)
2IC 7 Platoon (Posted 3 PPCLI)
Lecture Platoon
11 Platoon
10 Platoon (Posted 3 PPCLI)
10 Platoon
NCO I/C NBCD Section
(Posted 3 PPCLI)
Lecture Platoon
(Posted 2 PPCLI)
10 Platoon (Posted 3 PPCLI)
11 Platoon
2IC 1 Platoon
7 Platoon
NBCD Section
5 Platoon
6 Platoon
5 Platoon
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6 Platoon
6 Platoon
First Aid Section
1 Platoon
1 Platoon
8 Platoon
6 Platoon
7 Platoon
First Aid Section
1 Platoon
9 Platoon
9 Platoon

Base General Safety Officer
Assistant Base General
Safety Officer
Assistant Base General
Safety Officer



Lt Eckley (2nd Bn) commanding Kapyong Platoon on their graduation parade.



Lt Clegg (3rd Bn), Sgt Thomas, and MCpls McCluskey and Tyerman with Ypres Platoon.

THE ROYAL GREEN JACKETS



Royal Green Jacket News

1977-1978

1st Battalion

The old slogan of "Join the Army and see the world" may not be as true today as it used to be, but footloose members of the battalion can have few complaints of being too static during the last year. The end of 1976 saw us returning from a six month tour of Cyprus—the end of 1977 sees the forward elements of the battalion disappearing prior to the move to Hong Kong in January. In between, much of the United Kingdom has been visited, including Ulster and London.

The main event of the year was, almost inevitably, the four month tour to Belfast, but, before switching our minds to the subtleties of urban guerrilla warfare, the more conventional infantry skills had to be brushed up.

The battalion took over North West Belfast from 1st Devon and Dorsets on May 21st. The areas were diverse and challenging and our predecessors left behind them an exceptionally high reputation.

The visit of Her Majesty the Queen to the Province provided a natural focus for our tour, coinciding with the anniversary of internment and the Apprentice Boys' marches. The battalion's pre-emptive move in blocking off all routes to the City centre, whilst putting considerable extra strain on the riflemen, must have had some effect on the consequential failure of the Provos to make it a "grim visit to remember".

Trouble did flare predictably on the 9th of August and while A and C Companies had minor rioting in the Ardoyne, it was left to B and Support Companies to have the larger portion of the action with a two day riot in the New Lodge.

The highlight of the tour was the enormous numbers of weapons recovered in our area, a total of seventy four firearms. Support Company, under its master "sniffer" WOII Trower, claimed the most with the aid of the discovery of thirty rifles hidden in a derelict Orange Hall, which were smuggled into Ulster by the UVF in 1912.

Despite these successes the battalion had to pay a heavy price. On the 18th of August, LCpl Marshall of the Gordon Highlanders was killed on patrol in Ardoyne while assisting C Company and three days later, on the 31st of August, Cpl William Smith of the Reconnaissance Platoon was killed whilst on a mobile patrol in the New Lodge. He was within three weeks of completing his sixth tour in the Province. His professionalism and good humour

will be sadly missed. These two tragic incidents cloud the fact that, for the first time, the battalion could notice a definite easing of tension and the first real signs of hope for a peaceful future.

During the summer, the shooting team performed again at SEDSAM and BISLEY where it achieved 11th position in the Major Units Championships, and a second place in the section match. Individual performances of note came from Cpl Finn in winning the Whitehead and beating the Queen's Medallist on the second re-shoot after two successive highest possible scores, and from Captain Hugh Babbington-Smith, Rifleman Frape and Sgt Crook in the Army Hundred. It will be hard for the battalion to qualify next year when faced with three Gurkha shooting teams in Hong Kong, but high hopes remain for a further advance.

October saw the battalion return to Dover and frantic efforts to retrain before the move to Hong Kong. A Jr NCO's and Section Commanders Cadre was run, along with Signals, Anti-Tank and Mortar Cadres. Classification was shot and fitness tests were taken when, suddenly, at three days' notice, B and C Companies found themselves fighting fires in South West London. The original stations of Hounslow and Merton were soon expanded and additional stations were set up at Acton and Mile End in the East End. To achieve this, A and Support Companies were asked to provide the manpower and life at Dover almost ground to a halt. Along with our neighbours, renewing the happy rivalry with 3 RGJ, we received the full glare of national publicity during the controversial firemen's strike. However, the plastics factory, where 1 RGJ arrived after 3 RGJ (but managed to get their hoses going first) is not, we are told, going to appear on the cap badge.

Despite all the interruptions, the move to Hong Kong goes ahead and within the space of a month, the battalion will have downed hoses, eaten Christmas puddings and be exploring the delights of the Far East.

"Join the Army and see the world?"

2nd Battalion

The 2nd Battalion under the command of the late Lieutenant Colonel Iain Corden-Lloyd OBE, MC, enjoyed an active 1977. Gibraltar continued to provide the duties associated with a semi-tropical overseas posting under seige conditions. The Governor's Guard mounted ceremonially continued to draw large crowds every

Monday at 1030 because of the impressive whiskers of the Bugle Major, the pace of the band, and the immaculate Light Infantry drill guaranteed to raise approving applause.

Ceremonial continued to play an important part in our lives especially during the jubilee celebrations. We provided a massive guard of 144 men under the command of Major Shane Hearn for the Jubilee Parade which stole the show on a beautiful, warm clear June day. The double past was so impressive that we managed a standing ovation and thunderous applause from a very cosmopolitan audience.

Perhaps our most enjoyable weekend during our 2 years and 2 months came right at the very end when we were required to break a dock strike by unloading an LSL and re-loading it with our own kit. Enthusiasm knows no bounds when Riflemen are asked to pile other people's boxes on flimsy wires hauled by weak cranes and drive fork lift trucks into and under anything resembling a box! The ship was turned round in 36 hours—a job which would have taken a week using the usual labour force.

Our cooperation with the other services continued heartily, be it our dog section under Lcpl Hunt at RAF North Front, or our visit to the Naval ships which frequented Gibraltar. Again this year we dispatched parties to Alexandria, Cyprus, Italy, France, Morocco and Malta with the senior service. But perhaps the most entertaining visit was that of our affiliated ship, the lovely HMS ALACRITY, newest and smartest ship in the Royal Navy.

The Battalion left Gibraltar with mixed feelings in September, but happy to return to green fields and fresh milk—the wonders of civilization! This time we are in Mooltan Barracks, Tidworth, which has seen Green Jackets before.

Our noses are buried deep into all aspects of training as we prepare for our 4 month visit to South Armagh in December.

3rd Battalion

October 1977 found the Battalion well-entrenched in a major European City carrying out in their turn routine duties. That is as far as the similarity to Berlin goes, for we are out of Berlin's cocoon of luxury and unreality, and happy with our feet firmly planted on English soil. In the autumn of last year, tedious garrison duties of dubious relevance were spiced with thoughts of, and training for, a four month tour in South Armagh in the following spring.

A hectic fortnight was spent at Sennelager during November driving and coaxing the Berlin-riddled Riflemen to a reawakened awareness of Operation Banner soldiering.

The rest of the year was spent at a disconcertingly rigorous pace. Apart from routine duties and trying to move to Caterham, the Battalion underwent its fitness for role assessment and a series of tests of individual standards. While the move to Caterham and disembarkation leave was being taken, Green Jacket skiers were competing high in the remote vastness of Austrian and Bavarian valleys. The downhill team had some notable individual successes and dominated the Downhill events in the face of some frightening conditions. This put four skiers in the Army Team. However they lacked consistency as a team and so did not realise their full potential. The Battalion also raced a young cross-country ski team made up of skiers raised at the Depot. The competition was tough, and the team inexperienced, but valuable lessons were learned.

The year was soon off to a brisk start with training at the Cinque Ports Training Area to meet our Northern Ireland Shadow Reinforcement commitment. It was difficult to take the likelihood of deployment to Ulster seriously as the Province was quiet and anyway we would be going in second to the spearhead Battalion. However, Mr. Paisley bellowed and a Protestant strike was imminent.

A very frustrating three and a half weeks were spent in East Belfast. The strike never gathered momentum and consequently nor did we, as there was little to deal with.

We waited. We wondered whether we would be able to go to Canada. What we did not quite understand was that being part of London District gives a very different dimension to priorities. We were already in the programme for lining the Strand on Jubilee Day, so back home we were to come. The contingent of 8 officers and 160 other ranks paraded in greens and looked very fine—the saga of finding greens and then bodies to fit them still brings a wry smile to the face of the Quartermaster. It seemed that "Mr. Average" had to be 5 feet 8 inches with a 38 inch waist. In the evening the Band & Bugles took part in a programme specially for Jubilee Day. Their performance was brilliant and its effervescence delighted the audience.

The Band was left in England to continue a heavy programme of pageants, shows and carnivals while the Battalion flew out to Canada. The destination was Wainwright, Alberta into the bush, disappeared unmolested each company to its tented camp for ten days of its own training. They came together for the Battalion exercise and then for a few days leave during which a visit to the Calgary Stampede was laid on. After the leave the Rifle Company rotated through field firing, the Tarleton inter-platoon competition, and an adventure training camp 400 miles away up in the Rockies.

Support Company returned from Canada early to start preparing for the Queen's and Tower of London Guards and were hard at it under the watchful eye of WO1 Walker's guards team while the rest of the Battalion enjoyed leave. 5 former members of C Company were present, including one of its platoon commanders, now Brigadier David Stileman.

Riflemen's response to Public duties has been typical of them in many ways. Being natural performers, the full houses at the railings of Buckingham Palace and in the Tower of London, have provided the incentive. The scintillating marching pace, slick movements and lesser stature have been a sharp contrast to the stately, if cumbersome, Guards. Guardsmen are reported not to enjoy the fiendish pace at which some of them have been marched to St. James's Palace, sweat swarming down their reddened, blowing cheeks from under their bearskins.

With Public Duties in full swing and the Battalion surprised at how smart it can get itself, attention is now being focused on the move to and our role in Londonderry.

4th (Volunteer) Battalion

October was a comparatively quiet month punctuated by a few high points. Possibly the highest point was the battalion exercise which took place on Salisbury Plain on 22/23 October. For the first time in the cynic's recent memory, the promised helicopters appeared and three of the five companies made good use of them. Each company advanced, withdrew, patrolled and dug in and after a tiring 36 hours it was only the very fittest who seemed disappointed when the exercise ended. It was a great success and the attendance was encouragingly high, in view of the fact that it had poured with rain in London, Oxford and Aylesbury on the Friday before the exercise started.

Next month is an Adjutant's and RSM's nightmare with the Lord Mayor's Show and Remembrance Sunday commitments. Boots are being bulled, service dresses pressed and hair—surely not—being cut with an enthusiasm unseen since at least this time last year.

The Rifle Depot

The highlight of the year was Training Company's success by a large margin in the South East District Patrol Competition. All training establishments in the District entered teams, and competition was intense. The competition was in three phases: a night patrol, a seven-mile timed march, and finally a shoot. The team from 6 Platoon commanded by Cpl George Newman won by a substantial margin, which was enhanced by their scoring twice as many points in the patrol phase as the majority of the other teams.

Junior Riflemen's Company have again been able to train all over the country and overseas. The central theme of the juniors' training has remained motivation towards a military career. The juniors spend three terms in the Company and their programme is split between military training, education and adventure training. The culmination of both adventure and military training was carried out in Canada. The two senior platoons, under Lts Richard Carrow and Nigel Atkinson, and Company Headquarters were extremely fortunate to be invited by the 3rd Battalion to join them on Exercise Pond Jump West. In all 70 members of the Company spent the whole of July based at Camp Wainwright in Alberta. Memories of this trip varied from the sun-drenched heat and mosquitoes of Wainwright to the sudden snowfalls on the mountain base camp, and the excitement of the Calgary Stampede. The highlight of the military training was the opportunity for Charles Vyvyan, the company commander, to deploy his Company as enemy to the 3rd Battalion on their battalion Exercise. The Company's adventure training instructors, under Captain Nicholas Cottam, formed the nucleus of a joint camp with the 3rd Battalion established in the Rockies. The most notable achievement was the ascent of Mount Mackenzie (9,900 feet).

All juniors are encouraged to take up an adventure training pursuit during the first term. This year water-skiing and para-ascending have been added to the activities already carried out: sub-aqua, climbing, canoeing and trekking. Camps have been arranged as far afield as Skye, Alderney, Snowdonia, Dartmoor and the Ski Hut at Steibis in Bavaria.

For the Depot itself, 1977 has been an extremely full year. To mark the Queen's Silver Jubilee, this year's Sounding Retreat was enlarged to include a Musical Pageant in place of the Band Concert. The Pageant was Colonel Charles Simmons' idea, and after some thought it was decided that the theme should be the history of the site of Peninsula Barracks through the ages.

Throughout the spring, Major John Hind, the Quartermaster, tackled the problem of building a Castle, then destroying it, building a Palace in its place, and then burning it, and finally building Long Block—all in the space of 30 minutes!

The Pageant was followed by the Retreat, which was, as always, most impressive. We were delighted to welcome the Pipes and Drums of the 6th Queen Elizabeth's Own Gurkha Rifles, who joined with the Band and Bugles of the 1st and 3rd Battalions and our Junior Band and Bugles. In a departure from the normal format, the Retreat was staged on two nights. We played to packed audiences on both nights, and because of the increased popularity, we shall stage the Retreat twice next year, when the performances will take place on Friday 14 and Saturday 15 July.

In the military field, the highlight of the year was the Depot's success at Bisley, where we won both the Minor Units and the Junior Minor Units Cups.

Colonel Charles Simmons handed over command of the Depot to Colonel Clinton Henshaw in early August, thus breaking five years of Simmons tradition in command at Winchester.

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ROYAL AUSTRALIAN REGIMENT



A BRIEF HISTORY

Formation of The Regiment

The origin of the Regiment dates back to 1945 when the Commonwealth Government agreed to participate in the occupation of Japan by providing troops for the British Commonwealth Occupation Force (BCOF). 34th Australian Infantry Brigade (34 Aust Inf Bde) was raised from volunteers from AIF divisions then serving in the South West Pacific Area. The three battalions of the Bde were designated:

- 65th Australian Infantry Battalion (65 Aust Inf Bn), raised October 12th 1945.
- 66th Australian Infantry Battalion (66 Aust Inf Bn), raised October 16th 1945
- 67th Australian Infantry Battalion (67 Aust Inf Bn), raised October 20th 1945

After concentrating on the island of Morotai in the North Moluccas, and after a brief training period 34 Aust Inf Bde moved to Japan to join BCOF in February 1946.

On November 23rd 1948, the three battalions were redesignated:
65 Aust Inf Bn—1st Battalion, The Australian Regiment
66 Aust Inf Bn—2nd Battalion, The Australian Regiment
67 Aust Inf Bn—3rd Battalion, The Australian Regiment

On March 10th 1949, it was announced that His Majesty The King has been graciously pleased to give his approval to the prefix "Royal" being appended to the title of The Australian Regiment.

Korea 1950-1965

The Regiment received its baptism of fire in Korea after 3 RAR had joined 27th British Commonwealth Brigade as part of the United Nations Forces in September 1950. The other two battalions of The Regiment, 1 RAR and 2 RAR, also served in Korea as part of British Commonwealth Brigades during the period March 1952 to April 1956.



Members of 3 RAR waiting to move up to the line, Korea 1950.



Outpost in the snow, 3 RAR Korea 1951.

Malaya and Borneo 1955 - 1966

The Regiment was to serve on active service in another theatre of war when in October 1955, 2 RAR was the first of the battalions of the Regiment to take part in the Malayan Emergency. By 1961 each of the three battalions had served in this theatre as part of the 18th Commonwealth Infantry Brigade Group. 2 RAR returned for a second tour of duty in 1961 and during March 1965, 3 RAR was deployed from Malaya to the State of Sarawak, for operational duty.

On February 1st 1964, a fourth battalion of The Royal Australian Regiment was raised and designated 4 RAR. This battalion joined 28th Commonwealth Brigade in September 1965 and served in Sarawak on operations between April 66 and September 66.



Manning a border outpost, 4 RAR Borneo 1966.



Members of 4 RAR on patrol, Borneo 1966.

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Evacuating a battle casualty, 7 RAR Vietnam 1970.



Jungle patrol, 8 RAR Vietnam 1970.



Helicopter insertion, 2 RAR operations, Vietnam 1967.

Vietnam 1965-1973

The Australian Army had been represented in South Vietnam since August 1962. In 1965 the Australian Government increased the contribution to a battalion plus, and 1 RAR came under command of 173rd US Airborne Brigade at Bien Hoa. In 1965 National Service was introduced and a Task Force was committed to South Vietnam.

It was during this commitment to South Vietnam that The Royal Australian Regiment was increased in size from four to nine battalions.

The new battalions, designated 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 RAR, together with the four older units were each to serve in South Vietnam. With the exception of 1 RAR's first tour of duty, all operational service by the Regiment was with 1st Australian Task Force, located at Nui Dat in the Province of Phuoc Tuy. Seven of the battalions had two tours of duty in Vietnam.

Australia 1973

At the conclusion of the commitment to Vietnam and the cessation of National Service in 1973, The Royal Australian Regiment was reduced from nine to six battalions. In order to preserve the traditions and customs of all nine battalions, several battalions were linked as follows:

- a. 2 RAR and 4 RAR were linked to form 2/4 RAR;
- b. 5 RAR and 7 RAR were linked to form 5/7 RAR; and
- c. 8 RAR and 9 RAR were linked to form 8/9 RAR.



Composition of The Regiment

On June 30th 1971, 10th Independent Rifle Company was raised to provide demonstration troops and an exercise enemy force for the Land Warfare Centre.

The linked battalions, together with 1 RAR, 3 RAR, 6 RAR, 10th Independent Rifle Company, RAR and Regimental Headquarters now form The Royal Australian Regiment.



Showing the Tiger Battalion spirit . . . Commanding Officers of 5 RAR and 7 RAR with tiger cub mascot of 5 RAR, in "capable" hands. This photograph was taken prior to linking and the tiger, "Quintus", is now the mascot of 5/7 RAR.



The CDFS, General Sir Francis Hassett, with the then Colonel Commandant of the Regiment, Major General Hassett is now the Colonel Commandant of the Regiment.



"Things are grim alright - and it hasn't even been marinated!" Soldiers of 3 RAR sampling bush rations.



Aerial view of a special parade at Holsworthy to mark the end of 18-months mechanised infantry trial by soldiers of 517 Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment. July 1978



"That will have the come off my lad" RSM 8/9 inspecting the battalion mascot, Private John Macarthur I.

AUSBOND 77
by Captain R. E. Thompson

Australians Visit Canada

While A Company provided a 150 man contingent to train at the Australian Land Warfare Centre at Canungra, southwest of Brisbane and at Enoggera (AUSCAN 77), an equivalent contingent from the Third Battalion Royal Australian Regiment (RAR) trained in Canada. The RAR contingent arrived on August 6th and trained for six weeks in several areas of British Columbia, Alberta, the Yukon and in the North West Territories. The RAR contingent training consisted of a familiarization with Canada, an introduction to United Nations peacekeeping, mountain warfare, riverine operations and a northern exercise.

The RAR contingent arrived in Victoria from Australia to be met by 50 hosts of 3 PPCLI, who had just completed an advanced mountaineering course in preparation for their guests. August 6th was a warm day, so a good supply of cold beer was on hand for our thirsty guests. Major Mike Barret said, "I am looking forward to the training and especially to a visit with Colonel Jim Stone as 3 RAR was at Kapyong in Korea in 1950 when 2 PPCLI won the presidential citation."

With the familiarization of Canada completed in the first week (which allows 3 RAR to overcome the "jet lag" and the flu, (which hit about one third of the contingent) it was time for four weeks of training...

It was bear against machine—and the bear won on Exercise Arctic Odyssey... Some Australian soldiers in an APC at Churchill, on the tundra near Hudson Bay, saw a polar bear in the distance and chased after it for a better look. They were busily taking photographs when the bear decided enough was enough and turned towards the APC. The advice of the Third Battalion crew was almost superfluous and there was a scramble to climb aboard. The APC backed off smartly—an angry polar bear in the troop compartment would not have been a joke.

This was just one of the incidents Australian soldiers reported after they returned from a week long visit to communities in the Yukon, the North West Territories and in the Hudson Bay areas.

The contingent was split into six patrols and each lived in the community to experience the life style and environment of Canada's far north. Each community had its own special significance. In Dawson City, scene of the great gold rush just before the turn of the century, the Diggers saw something of the life in the goldfields as it was then. The soldiers were able to try their hand at gold panning on the Bonanza. Like the miners of yesteryear, most of their poke went to the tables at Diamond Tooth Gertie's Gambling Saloon.

At Mayo, when the soldiers finished their panning at a local gold mine, moose steak was on the menu. The menu was a little more familiar when they visited the Keno silver mine—the management flew in Australian lamb chops especially for them.

Some soldiers were able to sample life in the Arctic when they visited Cambridge Bay, inside the Arctic Circle. There, as in other communities, they met the local Inuit, while the group at Rankin Inlet watched 81 year old sculptor John Kavik, whose work is becoming world famous, at work.

Then, in the third week, the diggers became climbers. Some 150 kilometers southwest of Calgary, in the Rocky Mountains, they camped near the Upper and Lower Kananaskis Lakes. It snowed on the day they arrived. Not being familiar with the fluffy stuff did not hinder their behaviour at all, they formed two lines and, facing each other, had a snowball fight.

By the time they left they had walked the Kananaskis Pass through the mountains to the Kootenay River in British Columbia. There, they took part in a river operation. The training included mountain walking, rock climbing, rappelling, first aid, and casualty evacuation. On Mount Invincible, the men took part in a 30 hour exercise during which they experienced working at high altitudes. None of the exercises were inherently dangerous, but there was an element of danger in them all. At the end of this training, the soldiers received specialty qualifications in basic mountaineering, and had enjoyed a week of excellent and exciting training.



The Third Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment visiting and working - A highlight of the tour had to be a visit by a



most welcome friend... Colonel "Big" Jim Stone, DSO, MC, CD.

EXCHANGE TRAINING with 112th Jager Battalion by Captain D. W. Lovell

On May 24th, 1978, nine Patricias left CFB Calgary, bound for Germany. At Edmonton, they joined ranks with three NCOs from the Wainwright Training Detachment. When they returned about a month later, Capt Don Lovell, Sgt Ron Smith, MCpls Pat Judge, George McRae, Bob Maaz, Cpl Roger Gaetzman and Ptes Andy Fargharson, Rick Labonte, Gord Peil, Dan scully, John Braaten and Norm Sim were honorary members of the 112th Jager Battalion.

The visit to Germany was an action packed adventure. From the moment the Patricia contingent set foot in Lahr, a busy schedule awaited them. After a lunch in the "Europahoff" the group was met by their German hosts. Under the direction of Ober Lieutenant Herbert Kriebel, who had visited 1 PPCLI in January for ski training in Banff, we left by bus for the Battalion's home at Regen.

Enroute to Regen in South-East Germany, we would see some of the most beautiful scenery of the Bavarian forest and Bodensee (Lake of Constance).

The trip was broken by a 24 hour stopover at Munich where we toured the Deutsche Museum, the city centre and the 1972 Olympic Stadium. An evening at the famous Haubbrahaus introduced us to the "one litre" beer steins.

Regen is a quiet and attractive village situated on the edge of the Bavarian forest. The 112th Jager Battalion occupies a modern and impressive barracks located on the outskirts of Regen. We were met the first day by the DCO, Major Pilz and we spent the day with familiarization tours of the Battalion. The official greeting came the next day when the commanding officer, LCol Speidel, welcomed our group and expressed his particular enthusiasm that we would be training with his soldiers at Hammelburg.

But Hammelburg was a week away and in the interim, we would conduct a whirlwind of activities. Some of the events included firing the rifle, the Uzzi sub-machine gun, a helicopter "Recce" of the Bavarian forest, Battalion mortar demonstration, City of Regen reception and tours of the Czechoslovakian border, the castle of Wiesenstein and the City of Passau. Passau was a memorable city situated at the junction of the Inn, Ilz and Danube rivers.

In Regen, we also competed in the annual German Infantry Efficiency test. This test involved classification on the G3 rifle, several track events such as the 100m dash, the long jump and the shot-put and a 5,000m run. The second portion of the test was done in Hammelburg and consisted of a 25 km march followed by a 200 m timed swim.

When the final scores for the efficiency test were tallied, we had all earned the prized "Leistungen" badge at one of the three levels, (3 bronze, 5 silver and 4 "geld"). Pte Sim had a record breaking 5,000 metre run time of 166 minutes, 57 seconds.

The weekend before we left for Hammelburg was spent in the company of several Battalion members or in travel around southern Germany. One of us made it as far south as Geneva. In Hammelburg, we got down to some serious infantry soldiering. The first week was spent under the instruction of the "Infantry School" Staff. Along with Battalion officers and defensive operations in built up areas. During the second week, the Battalion main body arrived and commenced training, progressing from section level to a final twenty hour Battalion exercise.

That's not to say all of our time was spent in the "Boonies". We did manage to find time for a few "curry wurst" in the local town, a weekend in Wurzburg (including tours to Rottenburg on the Taber and the wine cellars at Volkach) and a "border-politzei" tour of the East-German frontier near Rasdorf.

To end off a perfect exchange, the CO LCol Speidel hosted the Patricia group to a wine cellar dinner in the town of Hammelburg. The next morning, at a Battalion parade, we received 112th jager lapel pins and became honorary "Jagers"...With many fond memories we departed by bus for Lahr on the first leg of the return trip to Calgary.

I must admit that the Calgary skyline, illuminated by a million lights, was a good sight to see as we ended our 4 day journey home. Not one of us will ever forget our exchange with the 112th Jagers and the friendships made.

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THE PATRICIA'S AT BISLEY by Captain D. S. Ethell, Cd

In 1978, for the first time in fourteen years, PPCLI was the Canadian Forces representative at the annual Bisley Rifle Competition, in England. A team doesn't just go to Bisley—it is a long, slow process of competitions at battalion, Brigade and National level, and final selection before the team boards the plane for the UK. Bisley is the mecca for shooters from throughout the Commonwealth plus other invited countries; there were more than 2000 shooters in the camp, with more than 300 shooting on one range at one time. Bisley is the culmination of more than a year's preparation by both the shooters and the staff. This is the story of the Third Battalion team.

The team went to the Brigade shoot in Calgary in June of 1977 with a team that had been practicing under the expert coaching of Sgt Ted Luscombe and Captain Don Pippolo. After a hard-fought battle with Second Battalion, 3 PPCLI won the "Ram's Head", symbolic of the Brigade Championship. Immediately following the Brigade Shoot, it was decided by the Regiment and the Brigade, that a strong team would represent 1 CBG at the Canadian Forces Small Arms Competition at Connaught in August 1977; such a team would be based on 3 PPCLI. The following were selected to represent the Regiment at Connaught and subsequently at Bisley:

Captain Ethell, DS, Team Captain, HQ 1 CBG
Captain Pippolo, DA, Team Adjutant, 3 PPCLI
QMSI (MWO) White, LA, Team Coach, 1 PPCLI
Sgt Luscombe, EJ, Team Coach, 3 PPCLI
Sgt Smith, GA, 1 PPCLI
Sgt Davydiuk, DM, Team Armourer, 3 PPCLI
MCpl Countryman, JC, 3 PPCLI
MCpl Turple, RM, 3 PPCLI
MCpl Logan, RG, 2 PPCLI
MCpl Larocque, JC, PPCLI Alternate, 2 PPCLI
MCpl Haines, DC, 2 PPCLI
Cpl Lauritsen, N, CFB Calgary
Pte Taylor, GE, 3 PPCLI

After five days of hard shooting at Connaught, it became apparent that the Patricia team would win the Letson and Vanier Trophies and move on to Bisley. In addition, Sgt Luscombe was to win the coveted Queen's Medal with 2nd and 3rd position being occupied by Cpl Lauritsen and Sgt Smith respectively.

After the excitement of Connaught, it was time to settle down and decide on the team and training required to do well at Bisley in July 1978. Right after the New Year, 3 PPCLI commenced indoor practices at Esquimalt followed closely by 2 PPCLI at Kapyong Barracks. 2nd Battalion members soon moved out to Victoria for training. In the meantime the top three non-PPCLI shooters at Connaught were selected by NDHQ and loaded onto the team. These three, all from 2 RCR were:

Sgt Surette JR
MCpl Comeau R
MCpl Cunningham KA

In May, all elements concentrated in Calgary to undergo intensive training as a team. This particular month was invaluable, in that it established team homogeneity, and enabled all shooters to work on their particular weaknesses. The new C1s were "Fired-in" and many, many hours were spent on the ranges with words of wisdom offered by the QMSI. During this time, the Team proceeded to Chilliwack for the British Columbia Rifle Association's Service Rifle match where the C3s were fired-in.

Personal histories were written, final fittings for regimental blazers and flannels were made, movement and baggage plans were finalized, communications were established with CDLS and monies were received. Finally, the Paul Bunyans were loaded, shipped and the team sent home for a week's leave before departure for England on July 29th. The Team Adjutant, Capt Don Pippolo, along with the NDHQ OPI, Capt Larry Filman, had left for England

four days before to make the necessary administrative arrangements for the Team's arrival. On the 29th, the regular Service Flight moving across the country picked up the team members. The team spent the night at Trenton and left the next evening for the UK via Ottawa where we picked up all three 2 RCR members. After an unscheduled stop at Shearwater, the team was finally on its way to Bisley. It should be noted that, in addition to the Canadian Forces Team, there were two other Canadian Teams to compete at Bisley. Both of these teams were on the same flight—these were the civilian team from the Dominion of Canada Rifle Association (DCRA) and the Canadian Army Cadet Team.

Upon arrival at Gatwick, the three teams were met by Capt Pippolo and quickly loaded onto buses and transported the 35 miles to Bisley. For those of us who had never been to England, that ride was a novel experience—the narrow roads, the crowds, and of course the compulsory stop at an English pub. Bisley was new to most of us. However, two of our number had been there before—QMSI White was on his sixth trip and Sgt Luscombe was making his second appearance. These two members were the sources of information and guidance for all the uninitiated. The quarters traditionally allocated to the Forces Team—"F" building in the Council lines—were occupied and our first meal was taken in the DCRA pavillion.

After two days of acclimatization, unpacking and checking of weapons, the Team was able to get on one of the many ranges at Bisley. The first week of competition is the British Army championships and here Canada awards its own Queen's Medal. The Canadian Army team cannot officially compete in this match, but the British Army permitted the Canadians to practice in all of the matches along with their own members. This practice was excellent and permitted the Canadians to get accustomed to the idiosyncrasies of Bisley and to the civilian Range Officers. Bisley is an institution; the buildings, the ranges and the people. The Bisley competition is a set piece and would require an act of Parliament to change any aspect (or people) connected with it. After the Army Championships, and one day of weapons maintenance and laundry, the Service Rifle matches of the British National Rifle Association took place—these four days were the main reason for all the time and effort the Team had gone through to get to Bisley; everything else was secondary. The Team started (and ended) with a bang. The first competition—"The Bisley Bullet"—was won by MCpl Comeau; and the second, "The Sitting"—by QMSI White. This was a tremendous start to a series of triumphs by the shooters. For the next three days, the names of Canadian soldiers continued to appear on the winners and honours lists—the end result was the best overall showing by any Canadian Army Team in the Service Rifle Matches. Although the matches were generally oriented to the individual there was one team match which the Team had its eye on—the United Services Match. Each of the eight teams entered their eight best shots for a match involving four practises. The Canadians knew that they would do well and that their main competition would come from the "British Army Eight" and the Royal Marines. After the first practice, the Marines were leading with the Canadians right behind; after the second and third practices the Canadians were leading followed by the British Army Eight—finally the British Eight won with a score of 1299. The Canadians were second with 1295 followed by the Marines with 1253. A very close match, which ended with a one "Bull" difference—to be so narrowly beaten by the British Army Eight (the best Eight) is nothing to be ashamed of.

Once the Service Rifle was finished, with Pte Taylor ending up as the "top gun" of the Canadian Team, we competed in the Target Rifle matches with the C3 (sniper) rifles. Our lads performed very well with the QMSI winning two individual matches and Sgt Luscombe advancing to the final stage of the Queen's Prize (the best 100 shots out of 2000). It was a tremendous experience

for the shooters to be competing at World Class level with shooters from throughout the Empire and Europe. Needless to say, there were the compulsory National receptions with many, many momentos exchanged.

One of the highlights of the trip was the visit to Bisley of our Colonel-in-Chief. After her trip to Canada in July, followed by a visit to Moscow, she graciously consented to come to Bisley for dinner and to meet her team. It was a magnificent occasion for the Patricias to have Lady Patricia greet them in her home country. After an excellent dinner, she spoke informally for 20 minutes telling her soldiers of her trip to the three battalions, and her pleasure at finally seeing Patricias in England. Accompanying the Colonel-in-Chief were Colonel and Mrs. Leitch. The Colonel-in-Chief's visit will long be remembered by her Bisley Shooters.

At the end of more than three weeks of intensive shooting, it was finally time to come home. Once again, the Paul Bunyons were loaded and shipped, and the bus arrived right on time for the trip back to Gatwick. The Team flew to Lahr for a brief stopover before moving on to Canada. Here we said goodbye to QMSI White and to Sgt. Smith who continued on to Cyprus to finish the last three months of first battalion's tour. In Ottawa we said farewell to our RCR friends and to three of our own who were staying for the National Shoot at Connaught. The rest of the Team dropped off at Winnipeg, Edmonton, and Vancouver—the end of a year's hard work.

Bisley 78 was an experience that none of the Team members will ever forget. The shooters can be very proud that they shot second to none, and represented their country and Regiment at a standard that had never been equalled. The Patricias had not been to Bisley for 14 years—they will be well remembered for their 1978 appearance.

CF (PPCLI) Bisley Team 1978



Left to Right: Front Row - Capt D.A. Pippolo (Team Adj), QMSI (MWO) White L.A. (Team Coach), Capt D.S. Ethell (Team Capt). Second Row - Sgt E.J. Luscombe, MCpl Cunningham K.A. (RCR), Pte Taylor G.E., Sgt Smith G.A. Third Row - MCpl Logan R.G., Cpl Lauritsen, N., MCpl Comeau R. (RCR), MCpl Turple R.M. Top Row - MCpl Countryman J.C., Sgt Surette J.R. (RCR), MCpl Haines D.C., MCpl Larocque J.C. Missing - Sgt Davydiuk D.M. (Team Armourer)

PILGRIMAGE TO KOREA

by Major H.D.P. Tighe, MC, CD(Retd)

Last April I received a telephone call from the Regimental Adjutant, telling me that I had been selected, together with Warrant Officers Bill Toews and Doug Preece, to represent PPCLI on a visit to Korea as part of a group organized by the Department of Veterans Affairs to participate in commemorative ceremonies to mark the 25th anniversary of the end of the 1950-53 Korean War. Later, I received a letter from the Colonel of the Regiment confirming my selection. I also heard from Colonel Jim Stone to whom I was second-in-command while with 2 Bn PPCLI in 1950-51 and from Lt Col Larry Gollner, the Commanding Officer of 2 PPCLI. Before leaving Canada on this "Pilgrimage to Korea" I undertook to write a report on my return and to include photographs taken by our official photographer, Bill Olson, who was also the photographer with 2 PPCLI in Korea in 1950-51. I thought that the best way to report on this visit would be to record the events as they occurred from day to day, so this is the form this report has taken.

I left Ottawa on Thursday morning July 20th by Air Canada and arrived in Vancouver at about noon Pacific time and registered at the Bayshore Inn, where we were all to assemble. On Thursday afternoon and Friday morning I renewed old friendships with those who had been in Korea when I was there with 2 PPCLI and also got to know many of the other delegates who had served in Korea at various times.

On Friday morning, July 21st, we left for the Vancouver airport and after a two hour delay because of generator problems, we took off on CP Air's "Empress of Japan" for Tokyo. After crossing the International Date Line and after about nine hours flying time, we arrived at the new Tokyo International airport (Narita) at about 4:00 p.m. Tokyo time on Saturday, July 22nd. We cleared customs and immigration, left the airport and after a two hour bus ride, arrived at the Tokyo Prince Hotel where I shared a room with Colonel Frank Klenavic (Royal Canadian Regiment).

On Sunday, July 3rd, we were free to do as we wished. Tokyo on Sunday is much the same as on a weekday. The large department stores are all open and crowded with shoppers who all seem very prosperous and eager to spend their money. Some of us did shop but soon became aware of the very high prices, so most of us exercised caution and were very selective in any purchases we made. On Sunday evening, the DVA staff organized a most successful birthday party for the Minister. I think it must have been one of those rare occasions when complete Ministerial surprise was achieved. The party lasted well into the evening and was enjoyed by all.

On Monday morning July 24th, Bill Toews, Doug Preece and I met with Bev Hart of DVA to plan the ceremony at the PPCLI memorial at Naechon for Friday, July 28th. We decided on a simple, quiet and dignified ceremony. The Deputy Minister of DVA, Mr. W. B. Brittain, would begin the ceremony. This would be followed by the Chaplains' memorial prayers. I would then read the "Act of Remembrance" especially written for this occasion by Major Jim MacIntosh, formerly a private soldier with 1 PPCLI and now a major in the Royal Canadian Chaplain Corps. I would be followed by General Rockingham saying a few words as our former Brigade Commander. Then there would be the Last Post, the Silence of Remembrance, the Lament and Reveille. Three wreaths would then be laid, one by the Minister for Canada, one by General Rockingham for the Canadian Army and one by me accompanied by Warrant Toews and Warrant Preece for the Regiment. The ceremony would conclude with a blessing by the Chaplains.

At noon we had lunch "Shabu-Shabu" (Japanese style) at the Mikasa Kaikan restaurant located in the Ginza, the shopping centre of Tokyo. We ate with chopsticks; our group demonstrating varying degrees of skill and some even resorting to asking for assistance from some of the Japanese girls standing by ready to

give help when required. In spite of the difficulties of crossing our relatively long legs under a low table and eating with chop sticks, we all enjoyed the good food. Later, we returned to our hotel content and happy with the experience of having had lunch in the traditional Japanese fashion. That evening, we attended an official reception at the Canadian Embassy having been invited by Mr. Richard Gorham, the Canadian Chargé d'Affaires in Japan. It was a pleasant gathering in the beautiful surroundings of the Ambassador's home and an elegant way to conclude the day's events.

On Tuesday morning July 25th, we visited the Yokohama British Commonwealth War Cemetery. We first visited the World War II plots for the Canadian dead of Hong Kong, where special services were conducted and wreaths laid. After these services were over, we visited the section of the Yokohama cemetery known as the Post War Plot for the Canadian dead of Korea. A similar service was held here and wreaths were also laid. After the services were over, I noted that there were several Patricias buried here and I took pictures of their headstones.

After leaving the Yokohama cemetery, we drove to the Yokohama Prince Hotel located on a high hill overlooking Yokohama harbour. After lunch, we drove to Kamakura where we visited a Buddhist shrine. There seems to be very little religious significance to this shrine now. In the main, it appears to be a tourist attraction except for twice a year, when the Japanese people do visit; once in December, to ask forgiveness for what they did wrong during the year, and once in January, to make requests for the coming year. Afterwards, we commenced a long, slow bus ride through the heavy evening traffic back to the Tokyo Prince Hotel where we enjoyed a barbecue dinner in their Garden Restaurant. After dinner, Bill Olson and I went for a walk to visit a nearby golf driving range which had once been a religious shrine. It is a real commercial venture now, consisting of three covered elevations and tees for about 500 golfers and those who have ambitions of becoming golfers. It is all automated and is used both day and night. The driving range extends for about 250 yards over valuable Tokyo real estate. When we were there, the range was almost completely covered with golf balls and Bill Olson said it looked like a Canadian football field covered in snow.



Left to Right: Major H.D.P. Tighe, 2IC - 2PPCLI at the Battle of Kapyong, Major General J.M. Rockingham-Commander 25th Canadian Infantry Brigade in Korea 1951, Mr. Jo Kim Battalion Interpreter for 2 PPCLI now a successful businessman. Following the wreath laying at the Regimental Memorial honouring 2 PPCLI at Naechon, Korea.

On Wednesday morning, July 26th, at the early hour of 6:00 a.m. we left Tokyo for the Haneda airport; until recently the main airport for Tokyo. Here we left, by Japanese Air Lines, for Pusan via Osaka. We landed at the Kimhae airport near Pusan at about 11:00 a.m. The Korean Army provided a guard of honour for the Minister and on leaving the airfield, each of us was presented with a bouquet of flowers. We left the airport by bus and drove into Pusan to the Chosun Beach Hotel. From the window in our room, we could see the waterfront and a long stretch of sandy beach. The contrast from December 1950 when we landed at Pusan was tremendous. In December 1950 we saw Pusan in difficult times; the war was going badly and poverty and sickness seemed to be everywhere, and the people seemed sad and confused. Today Pusan is prosperous and the people are happy. The beach was crowded with people enjoying themselves.

On Wednesday evening, we attended our Minister's official dinner at which we met many Korean civilian and military authorities. The desire of the Korean people to make Korea a united and prosperous country was reflected in our conversations with our guests during this dinner.

On Thursday morning July 27th, we participated in the ceremony at the United Nations Memorial cemetery in Pusan. The Canadian Chargé d'Affaires for Korea, Mr. Geoffrey Charlebois, opened the ceremonies and he was followed by our Minister of Veterans Affairs, then by a Representative of the Republic of Korea. Several wreaths were laid and I, together with Warrant Doug Preece, laid one for the Regiment. Warrant Bill Toews was in uniform and was responsible for the lowering of the Canadian flag for the last post and raising it at the reveille. Once the ceremonies were completed, I took photographs of many of the headstones of our dead including that of RSM Wood and of the plot near the flags where 36 members of 2 PPCLI lay buried. I then walked down towards the lower part of the cemetery where several more Patricias are buried. Unfortunately I did not have the time to photograph any more headstones as we were required to leave the cemetery and return to the Chosun Beach Hotel for lunch. Shortly after lunch we left in two military aircraft for Seoul. At about 5:00 p.m. we arrived at our hotel, the Seoul Plaza, and that evening, attended a reception given by the Korean Veteran's Association. Prior to the dinner we were presented with a medal together with a certificate which read as follows:

"AMBASSADOR FOR PEACE"
Official Proclamation
(Name of the Individual)

It is a great honor and pleasure to express the everlasting gratitude of the Republic of Korea and of our people for the service you and your countrymen have performed in restoring and preserving our freedom and independence.

We cherish in our hearts the memory of your boundless sacrifices in helping us re-establish our Free Nation.

In grateful recognition of your dedicated contributions, it is my privilege to proclaim you an "AMBASSADOR FOR PEACE" with every good wish of the people of the Republic of Korea. Let each of us reaffirm our mutual respect and friendship that they may endure for generations to come.

Maeng Kee Lee
Vice Admiral, ROKN, Ret
President
The Korean Veterans Association

Friday morning, July 28th, was a special morning for PPCLI as we were to visit our memorial at Naechon, not far from Kapyong. We left our hotel in Seoul and arrived at Naechon at 11:00 a.m. and the ceremonies commenced. The DM of Veterans Affairs, Mr. Brittain, made the opening remarks which were followed by the memorial prayers. Then, I read the "Act of Remembrance" as written by Major Jim MacIntosh.

Act of Remembrance
by
Major Jim MacIntosh
read by
Major Pat Tighe, formerly 2 PPCLI

As we stand before this PPCLI memorial, we remember all who have served their homeland in time of war. Especially do we remember those who have given their lives in the service of their fellowmen—who have paid the supreme sacrifice that the world might be a better place in which to live.

With these thoughts, our minds are directed to the action of 2 PPCLI in their struggle to hold open a withdrawal route through the Kapyong valley. We remember with a deep sense of loss, and yet with a deep sense of gratitude, the ten members of the Patricias who gave their lives during that action.

"They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old,
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn,
At the going down of the sun and in the morning,
We will remember them."

This "Act of Remembrance" was followed by a few words from General Rockingham who said:

"It is a great honour for me to assist in honouring the dead of 2 PPCLI who were part of my Brigade in Korea, although at the time of the action at Kapyong on 23-25 April 1951, 2 PPCLI were serving with the 27th British Commonwealth Brigade. While it is to honour the dead of 2 PPCLI that we are here, it seems appropriate to pay a tribute to the whole unit. They, the whole unit, were honoured by the US Presidential Unit Citation for the gallant battle they fought in this area in April 1951. Their success in this battle helped prevent the enemy from continuing its advance to Seoul.

Significantly the Second Battalion, PPCLI is the only Canadian unit ever to have a unit citation awarded to it. All members of 2 PPCLI serving with the battalions at the time of the Kapyong battle would wear the emblem, a dark blue ribbon in a gold frame, on both shoulders below the unit title, in perpetuity. All soldiers subsequently posted to the 2 PPCLI would wear it while they were on unit strength.

Unfortunately the rest of the 25th Canadian Infantry Brigade Group had not yet arrived in Korea when 2 PPCLI won the award and set such a fine course for the rest of us to follow. They greatly enhanced the reputation of our Brigade for the rest of our term here.

Major Tighe who is to lay the Regimental wreath, was the second-in-command in this action."

Following General Rockingham's remarks were the last Post, the Silence of Remembrance, the Lament and the Reveille. The wreath laying then took place and I, together with Bill Toews and Doug Preece laid the Regimental wreath. The wreath bearers for the ceremony were the three boys and the one girl who had received the PPCLI Veteran Student Bursary which is awarded annually to a deserving student at the Kapyong Buk Middle School. The blessing by the Chaplains brought this impressive ceremony to an end.

After leaving Naechon, we drove to Kapyong to visit the Kapyong Commonwealth Memorial (Australia, Canada, New Zealand and the United Kingdom). A similar ceremony was conducted at this Memorial and was followed by a picnic lunch on the Memorial grounds. After lunch we returned to our hotel and that evening, the Chargé d'Affaires for Canada invited us to a reception at the Ambassador's residence. It was a pleasant way to end what I considered to be the most interesting day of our visit, chiefly because of the ceremony at the PPCLI memorial at Naechon.



Plaque of Black marble on plinthe adjacent to Regimental Memorial showing 2 PPCLIs' battle dispositions at Kapyong, April 24 - 25, 1951.

On Saturday morning July 29th, we went to the Headquarters, United Nations Command in Seoul for a briefing of the current military situation in Korea by General Kingston of the US Army. It was most interesting and as it is not possible to include everything he said in this report I think it would be reasonable to conclude from his remarks that the situation existing along the demarcation line, dividing North Korea from South Korea, is extremely tense and is a powder keg that could be ignited at any time. The demilitarized zone, a strip 4 kilometres wide and 151 miles across the Korean peninsula from the Han River Estuary in the west to a point just below the 39th parallel on the east coast, has been the scene of many violations of the Korean Armistice Agreement which was signed at Panmunjom on July 27th, 1953. One of the most recent and most serious of the incidents took place on August 18th, 1976, in the Joint Security Area at Panmunjom, when a group of ten United Nations Command personnel and five Korean Laborers proceeded to trim a tree (a routine maintenance task) that was interfering with the view from UN Observation posts. A group of about 15 North Korea Peoples Army (KPA) arrived at the scene to observe what was going on. Shortly after their arrival, an argument developed and a KPA officer sent for reinforcements. About 15 additional KPA soldiers arrived on the scene in a truck and almost immediately began to attack UN personnel with clubs, crowbars and an axe, killing two US Army officers and injuring nine other UN Command personnel, some seriously. Incidents of this nature only serve to increase the tension that exists on both sides and threaten the commencement of another war.

After General Kingston's presentation, we went to the UN Officers' Mess for lunch. In the Mess is a picture of 2 PPCLI's action at Kapyong presented by Major Dick Patterson. Following lunch we left by bus for Panmunjom and the Joint Security Area in the vicinity of Panmunjom, and the current site of meetings of the Military Armistice Commission. In the Demilitarized Zone, we first visited the Sank Ak Observation Post manned by the ROK Army and had a very interesting briefing by the ROK Lt Col in command and then viewed the main features in North Korea on

his immediate front. Afterwards, we went to the J.S.A. at Panmunjom and entered the conference room constructed astride the demarcation line. Here, we were allowed to step into North Korea without risking the creation of an international incident. After leaving the conference room we drove around the Joint Security Area, passing the tree which was trimmed by UN personnel on Aug 18, 1976 resulting in the brutal attack by soldiers of the KPA on UN personnel. We then left Panmunjom and returned to our hotel in Seoul, arriving there at about 6:00 p.m.

That evening, Bill Boss, the Canadian Press representative, Col Frank Kelenavic (RCR), and myself were invited to dinner by Jo Kim, the interpreter for PPCLI in 1951, and now a successful businessman in Korea. Jo Kim and his wife Bona were most gracious hosts and gave us an excellent Korean dinner in his new home located in Southwest Seoul overlooking the Han River. We spent the evening reminiscing and discussing the remarkable progress made in Korea during the past 25 years. Even in our short visit, it was evident to us all that the Korean people have worked very hard to achieve the present level of development. Jo Kim is planning to visit Canada in the near future and hopes that he will be able to visit many of his Canadian friends. Before leaving Korea, I was able to get a photograph of Jo Kim, his wife Bona, his two sons John and Thadius and his daughter Lucy. This was our last evening in Korea and I was very pleased to have the good fortune of spending it in such an enjoyable way.

On Sunday morning, July 30th I awakened to the sound or rain on the window, the first we had had since leaving Canada. For the most part we had experienced hot and humid weather and while we were in Seoul, we suffered a record breaking heat wave with temperatures soaring over 100° F.

After lunch we left for the Kemp airport and on arrival there we were told that our flight, which originated in Hong Kong, would be two hours late due to bad weather conditions. At first this did not concern us too greatly, but when we learned that because of our late arrival in Tokyo our confirmed seats on the CP Air flight from Tokyo to Vancouver were given to other passengers. We were required to remain in Tokyo until Tuesday evening and were all a little unhappy. CP Air accommodated us at the Imperial Hotel at their expense and were most apologetic at the inconvenience caused.



The Regimental representatives to the Korean Battlefields Tour, from left to right: Warrant Officer D.J. Preece, CD (Retd), Major H.D.P. Tighe, MC, CD (Retd), and Warrant Officer W.E. Toews, MMM, CD. (Still Serving).

On Tuesday, August 1st, we left Tokyo at 6:30 p.m. and arrived at Vancouver at 11:30 a.m. the same day. After a little confusion and with some difficulty, I managed to get an Air Canada flight from Vancouver to Ottawa via Montreal and arrived home safely but a little weary.

Looking back on the trip, it was really great, and I am most grateful to those in the Regiment who made it possible for me to go and to be accompanied by two excellent representatives of the Regiment, Warrant Bill Toews and Warrant Doug Preece. It is impossible to name all of the delegates who were on this trip but being with them was almost like being back in uniform again for a few short days and reliving, for a little while, those happy days I spent with the Regiment. In particular, it was a real pleasure for me to be once more with my former Brigade Commander, General Rockingham. Throughout the whole trip he showed himself to be a real friend and a great supporter of PPCLI.

With a few minor exceptions everything went according to schedule and the planning and preparatory work done by the Department of Veterans Affairs resulted in a very successful trip. The Minister of the Department of Veterans Affairs, The Honourable Daniel J. MacDonald, was an example to us all and we were all pleased to be associated with him and his Deputy Minister, Mr. Bruce Brittain. The DVA staff travelling with us were most cooperative and did everything to ensure a happy trip for us all. I am sure that all participants will agree that this is the way it worked out. Most important of all, it honoured the Canadian war dead of Hong Kong and Korea, and that was the purpose of the voyage.

SEPTEMBER 1978.



The two participating Chaplains: left - Major Jim MacIntosh who served as a Private soldier in Korea with 1 PPCLI; right - Capt Anthony Ruth - RC Chaplain. Taken at the British Commonwealth War Cemetery located at Yokohama, Japan.



The United Nations Cemetery at Pusan Korea, two viewpoints, left - from the upper portion of the cemetery looking down upon the grave sites. Right - from the lower level looking up towards the flag staffs and flags of the Nations with soldiers resting in this cemetery.

THE KOREAN STUDENT BURSARY FUND

March 1978 saw four scholarship awarded to Korean students at Kapyong Buk Middle School. One girl and two boys were selected after recommendation by the Kapyong County Educational Committee on 10 March 1978. These scholarships were awarded to the following students on behalf of the Regiment:

Lee-Chong-Kuk — Boy - First Grader
Lee-Hae-Ku — Boy - Second Grader
Han-Yang-Soon — Girl - Third Grader

A further private scholarship was awarded by Major R.N. Patterson and his family. (Major Patterson until this summer was the United Nations Command Liaison Officer from Canada).

Pak-Sung-Chul — Boy - Third Grader

A third scholarship was possible in 1978 due to the generosity of the Second Battalion of the Regiment, who pledged an annual gift of \$150.00 on behalf of all ranks 2 PPCLI. This pledge along with an anonymous gift of \$150.00 leaves enough income to annually support three scholarships.

The following write-up and photographs appeared in the Seoul Korea Herald, Friday 17 March 1978.

Canada Regiment Gives Annual Scholarships

The Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry (PPCLI) which participated in the Korean War, Wednesday delivered its annual scholarships to four students of the Kapyong Buk Middle School, on March 15, 1978, located at the PPCLI Battle Monument area through Maj. Richard N. Patterson, UNC Liaison officer from Canada.

The scholarships, totaling 289,800 won, under the support of the PPCLI Executive Committee

was delivered to first-grader Lee Chong-kuk, second-grader Lee Hae-ku, both boys, and third-grader Han Yang-soon, a girl of the school.

And also private scholarship from Maj. Patterson was presented to third-grader schoolboy Pak Sung-chul who received the first PPCLI scholarship awardees received 72,450 won each.

These scholarships were arranged by U.N. Korean War Allies Association, Inc. (UNKWAA), headed by Chi Kapchong, chairman of UNKWAA in 1975. And the scholarship awardees will receive the PPCLI scholarship for three years.

Also the camp of the PPCLI at Winnipeg, Canada, was named "Kapyong Barracks" on May 7, 1973, in memory of the soldiers who fought for the defense of world peace and the security of the Republic of Korea at the bloody battle of Kapyong during the April 22-25, 1951 period.

During the three-year Korean War (1950-1953), a total of 26,791 Canadian soldiers participated in the war and they suffered heavy casualties. A total of 516 were killed with 1,255 wounded.



Left to Right: Pak Sung Chul, Han Yang Son, Maj R.N. Patterson, Lee Chong Kuk, and Lee Hae Ku.



Following the Presentation of Scholarships, the students are photographed with their families, all farmers in the Kapyong area.

**THE REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION OF
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By Colonel W. B. S. Sutherland, CD
National President**

If an association such as our own is to function well and to be capable of adapting to new situations, the members of it must possess a clear sense of purpose and have an unambiguous frame of reference within which to operate. Much time has passed and a great deal has changed since the last general review of Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry Association. Accordingly, at the Annual General Meeting, held in Victoria, British Columbia, on 2nd July, 1978, approval was obtained to review the purposes of the Association; to investigate its present condition and the problems besetting Branches and the Association generally; to discover new opportunities, and to decide upon a suitable programme for the future.

The purposes and objects of the Association were first enunciated by the Founder and are expressed clearly in the Constitution, Article 1.05. They are:

- a. To maintain the spirit of the Regiment together with the comradeship and mutual regard amongst all ranks, formed whilst serving therein;
- b. To assist the Regiment, its members and ex-members in all possible ways; and lastly
- c. To circulate information regarding the Regiment amongst members.

The purposes are as valid today as they have been in the past. What would seem to be needed, therefore, are ways and means of realizing them fully.

The purposes and objects embody two central themes. The first is that the ideals and ethos of the Regiment should be perpetuated. The second is that service with the Regiment should confer confraternal benefits upon all eligible persons in equal measure. Thus, it should be the purpose of the Association to build and maintain a broad, representative, well informed, highly motivated membership in which all members enjoy equality of status and have an equal opportunity to plan and participate in the Association's affairs.

With the foregoing in view, during the next several months, working groups will be convened to undertake several important tasks. These are:

Task 1: To involve the present membership in a "grass roots" and "first principles" examination of the Association's present condition with a view to determining appropriate ways and means of enhancing its general condition and effectiveness.

Task 2: To achieve and maintain a high level of member participation in policy-making, goal-setting, and programme planning activities.

Task 3: To improve communications progressively.

Task 4: To undertake research with a view to determining the number, nature and location of potential new members.

Task 5: To increase the membership level progressively by means of:

- a. creating new branches, if they are needed,
- b. increasing the membership lists of existing branches,
- c. involving directly members-at-large.

Task 6: Review, and revise if necessary, policies, programmes and practices with a view to ensuring that members find membership in the Association a meaningful and satisfying experience.

Task 7: To confirm the Association's objects and develop a consensus as to the best means of realizing them fully.

Task 8: To prepare a developmental plan based upon a set of approved programme objectives.

Task 9: To develop an activity plan annually.

The undertaking is an ambitious one and is not likely to be completed prior to the 1979 Annual General Meeting. Thus it is the intention to table an interim report at the 1979 Annual General Meeting and a final report in 1980.

One thing is manifestly clear at this point in time. The review cannot succeed in its overall purpose unless everyone becomes involved and the work load is shared by many. Thus, it will be necessary to delegate the tasks in whole or in part to individual Branches, and in some cases to select committees assembled for the purpose. To this end a plenary Planning Session was held in Calgary, Alberta on Sunday, 19th November 1978. The aim, to produce a plan and organize the tasks, was achieved.

The review will provide us with a valuable opportunity to strengthen the Association, increase its effectiveness in respect of the objects it was formed to serve, and build a programme within which each member may find satisfaction. It should prove to be a richly rewarding experience for all of those participating.

A complete report of findings, conclusions and decisions will be appearing in the next edition of the "PATRICIAN".

November, 1978.

IN MEMORIAM

"At the going down of the sun, and in the morning. We will remember them."

SP 22271	BAKER E.T.	at Duncan Island, Vancouver, B.C. 7 June 1978. Joined PPCLI on 1 Sep 39, was employed as Regimental Tailor until 1968.
1562	BRADLEY A.J.	at Calgary, Alta, April 78. Joined PPCLI August 1914, wounded 7 May 1915, SOS May 1915.
229278	BROOMFIELD L.	at Toronto, Ont. Joined PPCLI in the Field 10 June 1916, SOS 13 Oct 1918.
4800021	BROWN, E.L.G.	at Winnipeg Man. 13 Jan 1978. Joined PPCLI Aug 1950. 2 PPCLI, served in Korea, Germany, Egypt.
487301	CLARKE N.D.	at Toronto, Ont. 16 Nov 1977. Joined PPCLI in the Field 9 Jun 1916. SOS 13 Sep 1917.
475806	COOPS G.	at Regina, Sask. 14 Feb 1978. Joined PPCLI in the Field 6 Dec 1915. SOS 20 Mar 1919.
ZH3975	DAVIS F.M., CD	at Regina, Sask. 28 Jan 1978. Joined PPCLI Mar 1951. Served 1st Bn, CJATC Rivers, subsequently became Personnel Selection Officer. SOS Dec 1965.
H16727	DODD E.J., CD	at Winnipeg, Man. 6 Jan 1978. Joined PPCLI 22 May 1940. SOS 14 June 45.
475823	DROPE H.E., MBE, MM	at Regina, Sask. April 1978. Joined PPCLI in the Field 6 Dec 1915. SOS 20 Mar 1919.
SH60261	EHINGER A., CD	at Victoria, B.C. Sep 1978. Served in 1 PPCLI and extra Regimental Employment until his retirement to Victoria, B.C.
SL109029	GRASLEY L.W., CD	at Edmonton, Alta. Aug 1977. Served in First and Second Battalions PPCLI. Retired to Edmonton, Alberta.
431 407 378	GREEN W.J., CD	at Ottawa, Ont. 3 Apr. 1978. Joined 1 PPCLI in 1950. Served as custodian Regimental Museum 1966-1978.
McG39	HANCOCK M.L.	at Toronto, Ont. 16 Nov 1977. Joined PPCLI in the Field 1 Sep 1915. SOS 20 Mar 1919.
1245	HEATHERINGTON H.G.	in United Kingdom 8 Dec 1977. Joined PPCLI in the Field Aug 1914. SOS 13 July 1915.
	COL S.H. HILL	at Ottawa, Ont, 3 December 1978 in his 100th year. Joined PPCLI in the field March 1915, wounded 8 May 1919, SOS May 14th, 1915.
McG133	KEYS N.A.	at Toronto, Ont. 7 Dec 1977. Joined PPCLI in the Field 1 Sep 1915. SOS 13 April 1917.
SM43435	MANN P.G.	at Ottawa, Ont. 14 May 1978. Served in 1 PPCLI, 2 PPCLI. Retired in Ottawa 1966.
47932	MARSHALL C.G.	at Victoria, B.C. Joined PPCLI in the Field 6 Dec 1915. SOS 23 May 1918.
124402	SGT MEIRS T., MM	at Eston, Sask, September 78. Joined PPCLI in the field 9 June 1916, SOS 20 March 1919.
105465	MORRISON G.	at Regina, Sask. 22 May 1978. Joined PPCLI in the Field 10 June 1916. SOS 20 Mar 1919.
H800142	PRINCE T., MM	at Winnipeg, Man. Nov 1977. Canada's most decorated Native Canadian. Served 1, 2 and 3 PPCLI.
675164	ROBINSON J.W.	at Toronto, Ont. Joined PPCLI in the Field 18 Mar 1918. SOS 19 Oct 1918.
SA1191	SMITH H.E., CD	at Calgary, Alta. Sep 1978. Served 1 PPCLI, 2 PPCLI and Regimental Depot. Retired Calgary, Alberta, Sep 1974.
ZL 298	LCOL P.O. STAYNER	at Winnipeg, Man, following a lengthy illness 11 November 78. Served PPCLI after WWII in a variety of staff appointments.
475372	WILLIAMS R.W.	at Toronto, Ont. 22 Nov 1977. Joined PPCLI in the Field 9 June 1916. SOS 1 May 1917.

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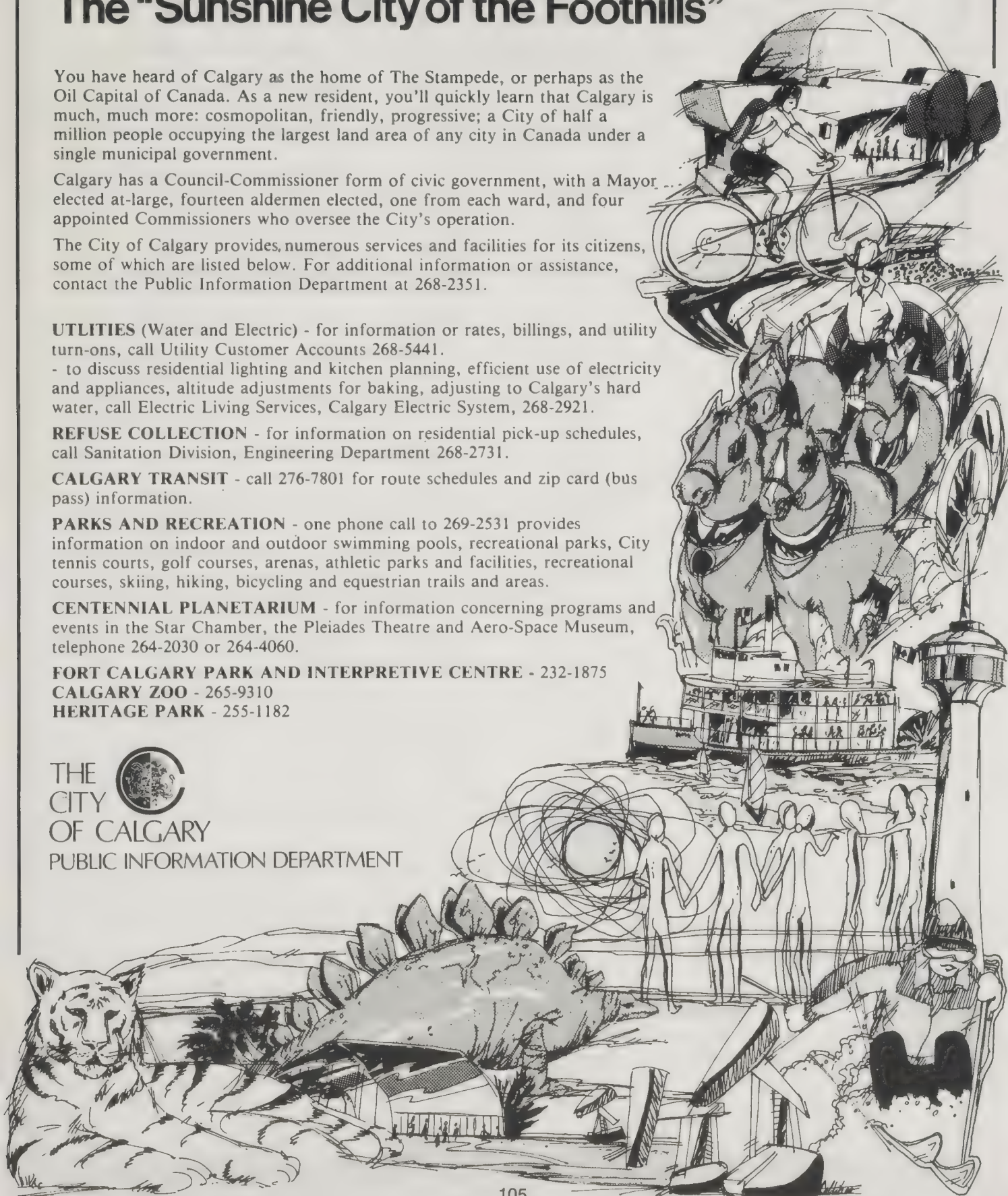
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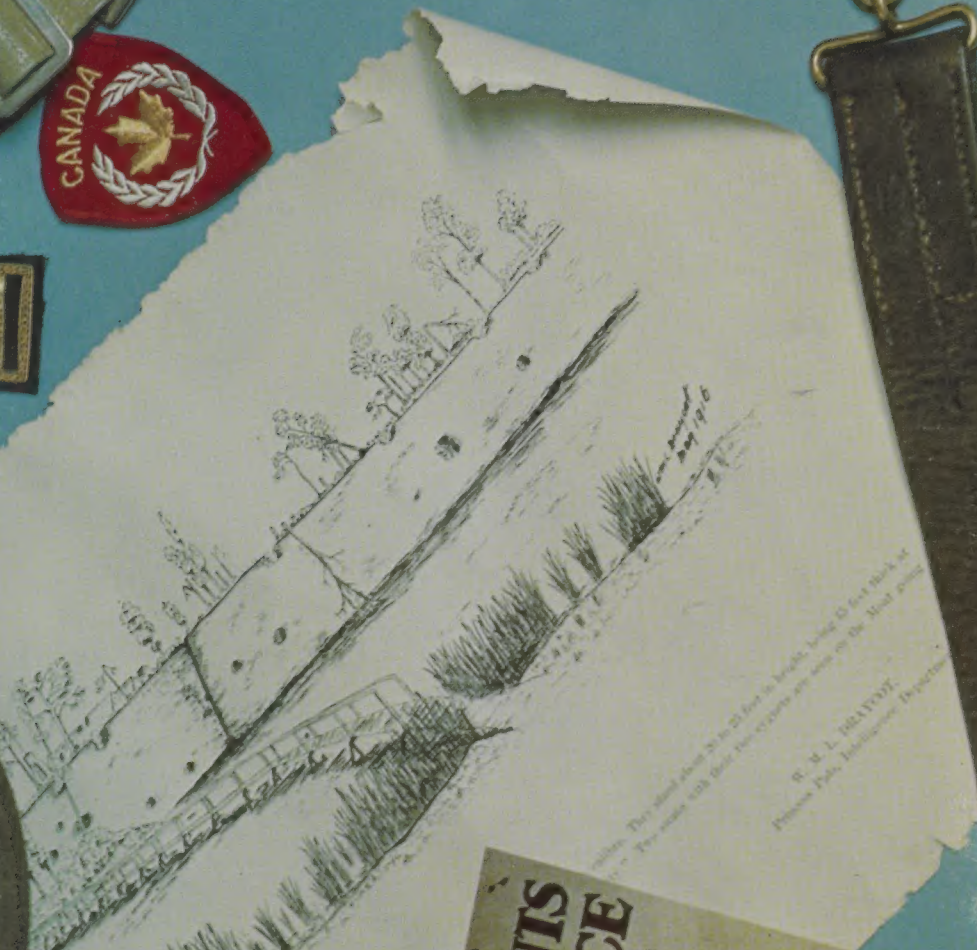
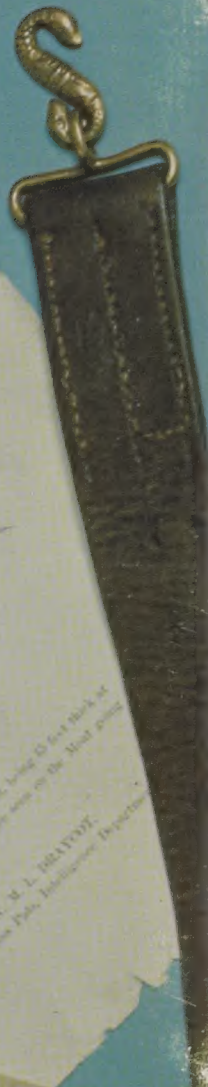


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